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## TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

### THE PEACE QUESTION.

#### PRESIDENT WILSON SOUNDS THE BELLIGERENTS.

##### UNITED STATES BEING DRAWN TOWARDS WAR.

December 21, 9.20 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Washington, President Wilson has cabled all the belligerents and neutrals suggesting that the opportunity is propitious for a comparison of the views of the belligerents regarding terms which must precede the conclusion to ultimate peace. He emphasizes that he does not propose a Peace Note, or even mediation, but that he is merely taking soundings.

##### What the Note Contains.

December 21, 10.10 p.m.

President Wilson's Note has been issued in London. It expresses the hope that the Government will consider the action suggested in the most friendly spirit. He says he is somewhat embarrassed to offer the suggestion at present, because it may seem prompted by the recent overtures by the Central Powers, but it is in no wise associated with those overtures. He would have delayed the suggestion till the overtures were answered, except that they had the same object in view.

The President expresses his willingness to take the initiative, but says he does not desire to determine the method or instrumentality. He draws attention to the point that the objects which all the belligerent statesmen have declared to have in mind are virtually the same, and says the United States is as vitally interested in the measures to be taken to secure future world peace as are the belligerents. He adds that the concrete objects for which the war is being waged have never been definitely stated.

##### Sir John Simon's Views.

December 21, 9.20 p.m.

In the House of Commons, Sir John Simon expressed a desire to voice the whole of the United Kingdom's acceptance of the Prime Minister's speech of December 19. The German Note contained no terms leading themselves to consideration, and the communication was in no wise a peace proposal. The Prime Minister had not alarmed the door on peace. The nation was agreed that it would be an unpardonable crime to allow the war to continue one unnecessary hour, but it would be the deepest treachery, by fighting or otherwise, to falter in securing the essentially defensive and unaggressive objects for which we entered the war.

##### America Being Drawn Towards War.

December 21, 11.00 p.m.

Reuter's Washington correspondent states that Mr. Lansing has issued a statement explaining President Wilson's Note. He declares that the situation for neutrals is becoming increasingly critical, the United States itself drawn near the verge of war.

##### Sensational Share Slump in New York.

December 21, 6.40 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at New York reports a sensational slump, bordering on demoralization, in war shares. They have fallen from two to eleven points. A feature was the offering of 50,000 United States Steel shares at 104, against yesterday's price of 108. A single block of such volume had never previously been recorded in the history of the Stock Exchange.

## POLITICAL UNREST IN AUSTRIA.

### Another Change of Premiership.

December 21, 1.35 p.m.

The difficulties of the political situation in Austria are illustrated by the sudden and unexplained change of Premiership. Herr Martinic becomes Premier instead of Herr Spitzmuller, who takes the position of Minister of Finance. The Cabinet is otherwise little altered.

## A NEW PEER.

December 21, 6.15 p.m.

Mr. Lewis Harcourt has been raised to the Peerage. [The new Peer was formerly first Commissioner of works and later Secretary of State for the Colonies. He was responsible for the arrangements of the Imperial Conference in 1911, and was for many years private secretary to his father, the late Sir William Harcourt.]

## ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

### Much Aerial Activity.

December 21, 4.40 p.m.

A French communique says:—There is a comparative calm on the whole front. Four enemy aeroplanes were brought down on the Somme, including Sub-Lieut. Nungesser's twenty first. A French pilot collided with an enemy machine which it was pursuing, and both machines fell. Our aeroplanes heavily bombed several railway stations, also huts, bivouacs, and convoys on the march.

## THE BALKAN STRUGGLE.

### Snow and Rain in Macedonia.

December 21, 4.40 p.m.

A Paris communique says:—Snow and rain have fallen on the Macedonia front, where there is only artillery activity.

## TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

### THE GREEK CRISIS.

#### What the Allies Demand.

December 21, 9.15 p.m.

Reuter learns that the Allies' new Note to Greece is expected to be delivered to-day. The principal demands are the prohibition of reservist meetings, the Allied control of post offices, telegraphs, and railways, the release of the imprisoned Venizelists, and an enquiry into the disturbances of December 1 and 2 by a Mixed Commission.

### IRISH PRISONERS TO BE RELEASED.

December 21, 11.25 p.m.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Duke announced that all the untried prisoners concerned in the Irish rebellion were about to be released.

### GERMAN SUBMARINE SUNK.

December 21, 2.50 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris says it is reported that torpedo boats have sunk the submarine U46, which sunk several vessels off St. Nazaire.

### COLLISION WITH ITALIAN TROOPSHIP.

December 21, 2.50 p.m.

A telegram has been received at Marseilles that the French battleship Ernest Renan has returned to Toulon, after colliding and sinking an Italian troopship. Fifteen were drowned and 115 saved.

### NEWS FROM MESOPOTAMIA.

December 21, 9.30 p.m.

A Mesopotamia official message says:—British aeroplanes bombed river craft to the west of Kut el amara. There were strong reconnaissances to the west of Samran, on the bend of the Tigris. The enemy's positions at Sannaiyat and Kut el amara were heavily bombarded and a bridge on the Hai river was set on fire.

### ARMED MERCHANTMEN.

#### Britain's Attitude Explained.

December 21, 6.00 p.m.

In the House of Commons, Sir Edward Carson, referring to the reply by Germany regarding Captain Blaikie, declared that Britain did not admit any distinction between the rights of unarmed merchantmen and those defensively armed. Doubtless Germany aimed at confusing offensive and defensive action, with the object of inducing neutrals to treat defensively-armed vessels as warships. Our position was that merchantmen enjoyed an immemorial right to defend themselves against attack, visit or search by an enemy, by any means. He believed all neutrals accepted this view, which, moreover, was embodied in the German Prize Regulations. He assured the House of the Government's continuous attention to the question of protectively arming merchantmen.

### NO CHRISTMAS NEWSPAPERS.

December 21, 12.55 p.m.

No newspapers will be published at home on Christmas Day, and no evening papers on Boxing Day.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on an Extra.]

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

### ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

#### Vigorous Bombardment.

December 21, 12.05 a.m.

A Paris communique states:—South of the Somme there has been an enemy bombardment, particularly in the sectors of Belloy-en-Santerre, Bormy, Promoise and Abbeville. We vigorously replied. There has been intermittent artillery activity elsewhere.

#### British Inflict Damage.

December 21, 12.45 a.m.

General Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We raided lines in the vicinity of Gommecourt, inflicting considerable damage; also northward of Arras, where we took a number of prisoners. The leader of a German patrol northward of Neuve Chapelle was killed and his men captured.

### A GERMAN LIE.

December 21, 1.10 a.m.

A wireless report of an interview with Herr Zimmermann, the German Foreign Minister, quotes him as saying that the German steamer Kolga was sunk and seven perished. English submarines steered around without attempting to rescue the crew.

The British Admiralty declares that the tradition of the Navy is sufficient refutation of the statement. Furthermore, the British submarines have sunk no German ship named Kolga.

## TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

### EXCHANGING PRISONERS.

December 21, 1.25 a.m.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Hope, on behalf of the Foreign Office, replying to Mr. Hunt said that the Captain of the Blucher and an officer belonging to the Zeppelin L15 had been removed from Donnington Hall to Switzerland in exchange for British unit prisoners from Germany. The responsibility for the selection of the prisoners to be exchanged rested with the Anglo-Swiss and Trento-Swiss Medical Commissions.

### THE SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN.

December 21, 1.25 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Coruna states that a submarine escorted a Danish steamer, flying the German war flag, to Finisterre, carrying 49 of the crews of other ships. The captain of the British ship Blair Hall was taken prisoner. The submarine subsequently pursued two other steamers, and gun firing was heard.

### FRENCH BILL REJECTED.

December 21, 1.25 a.m.

Reuter's Paris correspondent says the Council of National Economy has rejected, by 24 votes to 12, the Bill introduced by the Government seeking to authorise the Government to take, by decree, measures necessary for national defence, especially regarding agriculture, industrial output, recruiting labour, and the sale and distribution of commodities, as depriving Parliament of constitutional powers.

### RUMANIAN CRISIS PAST.

December 21, 2.35 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Jassy says the ministerial crisis has ended, the Cabinet withdrawing its resignation. M. Bratiano has returned to army headquarters.

### DISTRIBUTING RUMANIAN FOOD.

December 21, 2.35 a.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, the German Food Controller, Dr. Batocki, is visiting Vienna and Budapest to negotiate for the distribution of Rumanian food and booty. Interviewed, he said it was big enough to please the most pessimistic.

### A GERMAN CLAIM.

December 21, 3.55 a.m.

A German official message claims that the Germans torpedoed the French battleship Suffren, mentioned on 8th inst. as having disappeared, fifty miles north-west of Lisbon on 20th November.

### RUMANIA'S RESUMED RESISTANCE.

December 21, 3.55 a.m.

A German communique states that the enemy in the most northerly part of the Dobruja, who were hitherto retreating, have resumed their resistance. Strong hostile attacks in the Cerna Loop were repulsed.

### BRITISH AIR SERVICE.

December 21, 4.50 a.m.

It is understood that one of the last acts of the late Government was to transform the Air Board into an Air Ministry, ranking with the Boards of Trade, Agriculture and Education, to consist of a President appointed by His Majesty and members appointed by Order-in-Council.

The final report of the committee of investigation into the Royal Flying Corps generally vindicates the conduct of the administration of the Corps and pays a tribute to the recent wonderful improvement in efficiency, which is due to the unremitting labour of the Directorate of Military Aeronautics, and is not a spasmodic effort resulting from agitation.

The report refers to the criticism of a certain machine as ill-founded, pointing out that it was employed in the destruction of three Zeppelins in England.

It says further that the Admiralty's purchase of American machines at the outbreak of the war was a discouraging experience and was wisely not repeated. The committee's chief recommendation is a separate equipment from the executive command.

## MEN'S CLUB.

### Another Enjoyable Social Evening.

St. George's Hall, Seamen's Institute, was again well filled with an enthusiastic audience of some 185 men on the occasion of the eighth of the series of winter social evenings, held on Wednesday night. In spite of the difficulty of providing new turns, there was not a dull moment from start to finish, and much credit is due to the performers, who worked untiringly in their efforts to amuse. The honours were divided between Opls. Brittle and Armstrong, Opl. Freeman, Ptes. Simpson, Braddick and Copeland.

Leading-Seaman Parrot gave two pleasing songs and recitations, and an excellent exhibition of boxing was provided by Ptes. Corbet and Cotton. A much-appreciated feature was two songs by 2d

Lieut. Exham, who well deserved his encores; whilst the programme was completed by an amusing quartette in which Opl. Armstrong, Ptes. Simpson, Braddick and Copeland provided some clever singing, singing and dancing. Once again thanks are due to the Robinson Piano Co. for the use of a gramophone and records, Pte. Meredith for his able accompaniments at the piano, Opl. Morris, Ptes. Roberts, Pte. Thomas, Opl. Collins, Opl. Jones, Opl. Wyckley, Pte. Joyce and other men who helped in different ways to make the evening a success.

At the social next Wednesday, the programme, which will begin at 8.15 p.m., will be entirely arranged by the "Oxon Party" from H.M.S.—, including, amongst other attractive items, an exhibition by a "Harricuff Wizard." All Service men and their families are invited.

## THE MONEY MARKET.

### Messrs Montagu and Company's Report.

Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Co., in their report dated November 3, state:—

#### Gold.

The holding of gold by the Bank of England against its note issues shows an increase of £248,695 as compared with last week's return.

#### Silver.

The tendency of prices has been upward from the dead level of 32 1/8d which was maintained for four days in succession, namely, from the 24th. to the 27th. ultimo inclusive.

The four days however sufficed to demonstrate that the price had reached too low a figure to tempt sellers, and a recovery ensued.

On the 28th ultimo 32 1/4d was recorded and on 31st. 32 1/2d. The price remained at this figure until to-day when offerings being somewhat fewer a reaction of 1/16 took place.

The upward movement was encouraged by buying on account of the Indian Bazaar, and also by some enquiry by China. The importance of this latter, as an indication of market tendency, does not depend so much upon its size as upon the fact of its occurrence, and the possibility of its recurrence on a more substantial scale.

The stock in London on the 27th. ultimo consisted of about 7 3/4 million standard ounces—an increase since last month of about 3/4 million standard ounces.

The stock in Shanghai on 28th October consisted of about 23,000,000 ounces in sycee and 16,000,000 dollars, as compared with about 24,000,000 ounces in sycee and 16,500,000 dollars on October 14th, 1916.

The stock in Bombay consists of 4,000 bars, the same as last week.

During the week a shipment of 209,000 ounces was made from San Francisco to Calcutta.

Statistics for the month of October are appended:—

Highest price for cash, 32 7/8d. Lowest price for cash, 32 1/8d. Average price for cash, 32 3/8d. Quotations for bar silver per ounce standard:—October 27, 32 1/8d. cash; October 28, 32 1/4d. cash; October 30, 32 1/4d. cash; October 31, 32 1/2d. cash; November 1, 32 1/2d. cash; November 2, 32 7/16d. cash.

Average for the week 32 3/8d. No quotation fixed for forward delivery.

Bank rate, 6 per cent. Bar Gold p.o.s.d. 77/9. The quotation to-day for cash delivery is 5/16d. above that fixed a week ago.

### Wharfe Rates at Seattle.

An investigating committee of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce has recommended that the Port Commission increase its wharfage rate to 40 cents per ton, which figure is double the present rate. It is pointed out that the rate enforced by the private wharves for some time past has been 50 cents per ton.

## DON'T FORGET.

### TO-DAY.

Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
New Hongkong Cinematograph—9.15 p.m.

### TO-MORROW.

K.O.O. "at Home."  
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
New Hongkong Cinematograph—9.15 p.m.  
"Kismet."—Final Performance at the Theatre Royal; 9 p.m. Tuesday, December 23.  
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## GENERAL NEWS.

Mr. Sercombe Smith.  
We (Street Echo) regret to hear  
that our former Police Judge,  
Mr. Sercombe Smith, who since  
his retirement on pension has  
been doing war work at the Col-  
onial Office, has been in indiffer-  
ent health lately.

\$3,000 for Airship Relics.  
The total of \$33,485 was  
collected in the streets of London  
on "Our Day" for the Red Cross,  
and \$3,010 was realized by the  
sale of relics from the Cuffley air-  
ship. In addition, donations of  
\$29,500 were sent direct to 10,  
West Bolton-gardens, the grand  
total to date being \$71,995.

"Good for Everything."  
"Chinamen believe opium is  
good for everything," said an  
interpreter to the Magistrate at  
the Thames Police Court. A  
Popular Chinaman, Wong Kong,  
who was found lying on his bed  
smoking opium when the police  
entered it and who was fined £2,  
said he had to take opium because  
he was consumptive.

Bavarian Discontent.  
Paris, Nov. 14.—The Berne  
correspondent of the Excelsior-  
telegraph: "I can guarantee the  
authenticity of the reports of a  
growing revolution in Bavaria  
among entire regiments of men  
aged more than forty-five. They  
refuse to depart for the front  
because of the receipt, despite the  
centurship, of the terrible news  
from the soldiers on the Somme  
and before Verdun regarding  
fearful losses. The King of  
Bavaria has intervened several  
times to restore order."

U. S. Transport Aground.  
New York, December 12.—The  
United States army transport  
Sumner has run aground at Barne-  
gat, New Jersey. The accident  
occurred in a fog and the vessel  
is reported as lying high on the  
sand. The transport is carrying  
a considerable number of soldiers  
and some civilian passengers,  
and it is feared that they may be  
in danger. Steamers at various  
points along the Atlantic coast  
have caught the S. O. S. radio  
calls from the Sumner and have  
wirelessly to this port that they  
are rushing to her relief under  
full speed.—*Manila Bulletin.*

Wood Pulp in New Zealand.  
The British Trade Commis-  
sioner in New Zealand reports  
that according to the local Press  
a Committee has been appointed  
by the Southland Patriotic League  
to consider the possibility of  
establishing a wood pulp industry  
in Southland. Prior to the war a  
company was formed for the  
purpose of inaugurating a wood  
pulp industry on the west of  
South Island. Samples of differ-  
ent timbers from this area had  
been submitted to the most trying  
tests, and it had been found that  
pulp of the best quality could be  
manufactured from them. But  
for the fact that it was difficult to  
obtain the necessary machinery  
the company would already have  
commenced operations.

The Financial Liabilities of  
Soldiers.

Arrangements have been made  
whereby special assistance may  
be granted by the Military Service  
(Civil Liabilities) Committee to  
men, married or unmarried, serv-  
ing with the army, who are un-  
able, by reason of their under-  
taking military service, to  
meet certain financial obligations,  
and are thereby exposed to  
serious hardship. The scheme  
applies to lieutenants, second  
lieutenants, warrant officers, non-  
commissioned officers, and men  
who joined the army on or after  
August 4, 1914, or are members  
of the Territorial Force. The  
obligations in respect of which  
in suitable cases assistance may  
be granted are rent, interest, and  
instalments payable in respect  
of loans (including mort-  
gages), instalments for the  
purchase of house, business pre-  
mises, furniture, &c., taxes, rates,  
insurance premiums, and school  
fees. Assistance will not be  
granted for the discharge of  
ordinary debts. Directions are  
given in a recent Army Order as  
to the manner in which soldiers  
serving with an expeditionary  
force may make an application  
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## **NOTICES.**

G. R.

Any European, Non-Asiatic or Indian desiring to leave the Colony should apply in person at the Central Police Station between the hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Applicants will be required to produce Passports or identification papers.

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## **NOTICE.**

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MANILA, P. I.

NOTICE OF SALE OF  
MOTOR TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT.  
SEALED bids plainly marked "Bids for purchase of P. I. Motor Transportation Equipment," will be received at the Office of the undersigned and at the Office of the American Consul General at Hongkong, Shanghai and Singapore, until December 30, 1916, for the purchase, subject to prior sale, of the following units of motor transportation equipment owned by the Government of the Philippine Islands, to wit:—

No.	Articles (Yorkshire Patent)	Manufacturer's rated capacity.	Unit Cost Price delivered at Manila in 1913.	Total Cost Price delivered at Manila	Location (Where may be inspected)
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The above motor transportation equipment was manufactured by the Yorkshire Patent Steam Wagon Co. (The Yorkshire Commercial Motor Co.), Leeds, England, under what is known as the "Yorkshire Patent," and was purchased new from the manufacturer by the Government of the Philippine Islands in 1913.

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The equipment is not constructed so as to conform to the requirements of the motor vehicle Law of the Philippine Islands and a condition of the sale will be, that said equipment will not be used upon the public highways of the Philippine Islands.

Bids will be received for the purchase of all or any part of the above described equipment. The terms of the sale will be cash upon delivery at Manila. All bids must be accompanied by a draft or certified check payable to the "Treasurer of the Philippine Islands," for 10% of the amount of any bid as a guarantee that delivery of said equipment will be received at Manila, and payment made therefor, within sixty days after notice is received of the acceptance of any bid.

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Hongkong 15th September, 1915

## **NOTICES.**

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3	32	72	112	155	195	238	284	329	364
4	33	73	113	156	197	239	286	331	365
5	35	76	114	157	198	240	291	334	366
6	36	82	116	162	199	243	292	335	368
8	39	83	123	163	200	245	293	336	371
3	40	84	124	167	201	247	298	337	372
11	42	86	128	168	205	249	299	338	374
15	43	87	129	169	214	250	303	341	378
16	47	90	131	171	215	251	304	342	380
17	50	91	132	172	218	254	307	343	382
18	53	93	136	173	221	256	309	344	383
19	54	94	137	176	222	259	314	347	386
20	57	96	138	177	223	261	316	348	387
23	59	97	139	178	226	262	317	351	389
24	61	99	140	180	227	266	318	352	
25	65	105	142	185	228	271	320	353	
26	66	106	145	189	229	272	322	356	
27	68	108	143	191	232	277	324	359	
28	70	109	152	192	235	281	325	361	

Dated this 19th day of December, 1916.

**JOHNSON STOKES & MASTER,**  
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To Messrs. Francis Collins Barlow,  
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## The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1916.

### HONGKONG'S MAN-POWER QUESTION.

In common with the general public, we welcome most heartily the statement which His Excellency the Governor made at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council concerning the local man-power question. It should, and we feel sure it will, remove any ambiguity which may have been felt concerning the position of men who are willing and anxious to go to the front, but who have been given to understand that they are doing their duty to the Empire by remaining where they are. Not that the statement implies that Hongkong has done its full share in sending men home to join the Army. We have consistently held that there is still a deal of "combing out" to be done here, and we have reason to believe that the authorities are of our way of thinking. But the question is by no means an easy one with which to deal; all that the public needs to do at the moment is to possess itself in patience, and there need be no fear that the situation will not be thoroughly well investigated, with the one aim of utilising the Colony's man-power to the best possible advantage, both from the military and from the commercial point of view.

If Hongkong has not sent more men to the front—and its record in this respect is certainly not a mean one, taking all the facts into consideration—it is not because of any unwillingness to serve on the part of those of eligible age. That point can be proved up to the hilt. Cases could be quoted of scores of young men who have applied for leave to go home and join up, but who have been refused such permission solely because they are doing useful work here, not only at their particular work, but by attaching themselves to one or other of the Colony's auxiliary forces and thus making possible the release of considerable numbers of the regular garrison for war service. The suggestion, therefore, that men do the uniform of one or other of these forces in order to remain in the Colony is not only incorrect—it is a libel on their motives, which we can well understand that they have very keenly felt. And we are glad that His Excellency took occasion yesterday to dub it as "an ignorant and mischievous statement for which there is not a shadow of foundation." There are uncharitable grumblers in every community, and Hongkong probably harbours more than its normal proportion of these mischief-making grouse. But, unpleasant and unwarranted as their criticisms may be, it is far better that they should be brought to light and effectively killed than that their originators should covertly air their opinions and contaminate others with them. We can, therefore, feel an amount of satisfaction that the opportunity has been given His Excellency of openly and plainly stating the official attitude on the question.

As we have indicated, we do not read His Excellency's utterance as meaning that Hongkong has contributed all the men that it can to the fighting forces of the Empire. We rather view it in the light of an assurance that, for the moment, until further action is deemed necessary, every man in the Colony can consider himself as being in the right place. There are good grounds for thinking that the Government is fully alive to the situation and, moreover, that it is concentrating its energies on seeing what can be done, after taking all the factors into consideration, to spare more men for the colours. It would be impolitic to indicate the line of action that is being followed, but should there be any residents or visitors who are still unconvinced, we have His Excellency's word for it that the Government is quite ready to give such enlightenment as will remove all doubt on the matter. In view of these official assurances, which, in our opinion, should have been given long since, it is sincerely to be hoped that the last will be heard of Hongkong's being a Colony of shirkers. The manhood of the Colony can do no more. The next step lies with the authorities.

#### A Record Message?

The series of cable messages which brought Mr. Lloyd George's historic speech to the Far East must constitute something of a record in point of bulk for the Hongkong office of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, through whose agency it was transmitted. As nearly as possible, the speech seems to have been sent over the wires verbatim. It came to the Telegraph office in fifty-seven sections comprising no fewer than 5,129 words. As to the length of time it occupied the cables, it is interesting to note that the first section was despatched from London at 7.15 p.m. on the 19th inst.—the day on which the speech was delivered—and the last was sent off at 2.05 a.m. on the 20th. The first section arrived in Hongkong at 12.18 p.m. on the 20th, and the last came to hand at 1.45 p.m. on the 21st. It would be interesting to know how many copies of the message were distributed, for we assume that it was flashed to all parts of the world. At any rate, Benter is to be commended for the manner in which the agency sent out the tidings, while a word of praise is also due to the local cable office for its services in passing the message on.

#### The Old Premier and the New.

One can hardly fail to be conscious of the pathos that lies in the changed position in the House of Commons as regards the new Premier and his predecessor. On the occasion of Mr. Lloyd George's great speech a couple of days ago, Mr. Asquith found himself, for the first time in eight years, occupying less than the chief position in Parliament—ousted therefrom by a man who was to a great extent his protégé and pupil. The sympathies of the Allied and neutral world will go out to our late Premier who, in the evening of his days, has been asked to make way for younger blood; and all will recognise that Mr. Lloyd George did his best to accept his own side of the situation gracefully and with nice feeling. But no one will dare say that the alteration was avoidable. When there is a possibility of a ship's foundering, the confidence of the passengers rests in the man who possesses the peculiar knowledge required to pilot her into safety—be he the captain or be he the cabin boy. Mr. Asquith has accepted the inevitable like a man; and, in doing so, has increased rather than forfeited the respect which the whole of the Empire entertained towards him.

#### To All Whom It May Concern.

We commend to the fatherly eye of our P.W.D. a little bit of paving on the Prays, just before the curve into Des Vaux Road West. There is a stand-pipe here, and, owing to the prodigal manner in which the coolies handle our water supply, the gutter is continually running with water and the footway is just one big splash. The pavement near the pipe is either broken or hollowed out by much usage, and it now accommodates a permanent puddle more than a yard square and an inch or more in depth. At night there is but little light here—so little that last night three or four unwary pedestrians, turning the bend sharply, walked straight into the puddle. We would point out that the pavement at this point is not just a mere track for bare-footed coolies, but that it is used very largely by respectable Chinese and also by a fair number of Europeans. The hollow ought not to be there in the first place; and, in the second, it ought not to be filled with water. Why are the coolies allowed to place any buckets, other than the one which is in process of filling, on the pavement at all? These form a serious and dangerous obstruction, and create a lot of slop and mess. There are usually one or two native police round about this corner; how would it be if they were requested to keep the pavement clear of buckets?

#### DAY BY DAY.

THE LOSS OF WEALTH IS LOSS OF DIRT.  
AS BAGES IN ALL TIMES ASSERT:  
THE HAPPY MAN'S WITHOUT A SHIRT.—Beywood.

The Mails.  
Siberian Mail.—Arrived per s.s. Luchoo this morning.  
Siberian Mail.—(London, Nov. 20.)—Due per s.s. Nippon Maru to-morrow.

The Dollar.  
The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4.13/16d.

To-morrow's Anniversary.  
To-morrow is the 184th anniversary of the birth of Sir Richard Arkwright.

Sports Postponed.  
The Police Reserve athletic meeting, which was fixed for New Year's Day, has had to be postponed.

Langkat Output.  
The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending December 9, amounted to 68,325 tons and the sales during the period to 47,327 tons.

A Youthful Criminal.  
Before Mr. J. B. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, a young Chinese, who had a large number of previous convictions, was sent to the Criminal Sessions, for larceny at Yaumati.

Christmas Tree.  
The annual Christmas tree celebration is to be held on the Civil Service ground on Boxing Day. Tea will be served at 4 p.m. and the Christmas tree will be unburdened an hour later.

Stole a Sugar Bag.  
Before Mr. J. B. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, a Chinese employed at the China Sugar Refinery was charged with stealing a large sugar bag. He was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

Child Hawkers.  
A small girl was charged before Mr. J. B. Wood, at the Police Court to-day, with hawking vegetables near the Yaumati Market without a licence. Inspector Gerrard said the child hawkers were a great nuisance there. The child was discharged with a caution.

Remanded.  
A cook-boy, in the employ of Mr. Palmer, of the China Sugar Refinery, who lives at 19, Leighton Hill Road, was charged before Mr. J. B. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with stealing a gold wristlet watch and a silk crepe jacket, the property of a Chinese woman, who lives next door. He admitted the theft and was remanded until Wednesday, next. A man was also charged in connection with the same offence with receiving the articles, which were recovered from a house in Stone Nullah Lane. This case was also remanded.

An Ingenious Excuse.  
Before Mr. J. B. Wood, at the Magistracy to-day, a Chinese was charged stealing a box on the B. and L. boat Japan whilst coming from Singapore to Hongkong. Inspector Sim stated that there were several Indians travelling on the boat, and they missed \$21. On keeping a watch, they saw defendant in the act of moving the box, which belonged to one of them. Defendant was arrested and when searched at the station a sovereign was found upon him. Defendant's excuse was that he only held on to the box because the sea was rough. The case was adjourned.

Sanitary Board Cools Charged.  
A Sanitary Board coolie was before Mr. J. B. Wood, at the Magistracy to-day, charged with dumping a dead body. Inspector O'Sullivan stated that the man was seen last evening carrying a basket in Connaught Road West, and when stopped by a constable, he was found to be carrying a body inside the basket. The man's excuse was that he had just come off a boat and saw a basket on the Prays, which no one seemed to own. He was taking it to the rubbish heap when arrested, and did not know what it contained. The case was adjourned for a doctor's evidence, because the deceased appeared to have been suffering from small-pox.

#### ITALIAN CONVENT SCHOOL.

Presentation of Awards To-day.

The annual distribution of prizes in connection with the Italian Convent School took place this morning. It was a purely informal ceremony. Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools, presided, and he was supported by Father P. de Muris, Manager of Catholic Schools. The manager's report for the school year 1915-1916 was as follows:—It is my agreeable duty to present my annual report on the working of this school for the year 1915-1916. In brief the gratifying record is one of progress and success. The attendance keeps on mounting up from year to year; the average daily attendance has increased from 324.08 (in 1914-15) to 370.32 (in 1915-16), or a percentage of 14.28. The greatest number of scholars present on any one day during the year was 434 in July last year.

In spite of the shortage of teachers which has been felt in most schools because of the war, it has been possible to maintain the strength of the staff at its full complement of 15 teachers with 3 assistant teachers; besides there are 2 junior pupil teachers. It will be seen therefore that, including the latter, there is one teacher for every 18.52 scholars in attendance; and if the pupil teachers are left out of consideration there is one teacher for every 24.69 scholars in attendance. The Grant Code provides one teacher for any number of scholars not exceeding 40, so that it will be seen that the school is provided with an adequate staff. It should be stated the assistant and pupil teachers are attending the Normal School in connection with the Technical Institute; they have all successfully passed their examinations at the end of two terms.

The annual inspection was conducted by Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools, on 16th, 18th, and 20th June last. His report presents features both encouraging and suggestive. As to the latter his advice has been communicated to the teaching staff and the recommendations will be faithfully followed. Dividing the school into three principal sections Mr. Ralphs' report covers the kindergarten, preliminary, and higher divisions. On the whole it may be said that mistresses as well as children have acquitted themselves satisfactorily throughout the various divisions. Special mention might perhaps be made of the experimental teaching of the two pupil teachers, Miss A. Klingemann and Miss Helen Clark. The Inspector wrote of the former as one "who teaches well and speaks with an unusually good accent and pronunciation. The influence and example of the student teacher have been reflected in the good work of class 4. Miss Clark is described in the report as "a very capable student teacher"; she assists the mistresses in Class 4. How successful this class has been taught English, must be concluded from the result in English Composition. A letter was written for the Inspector, with the following result in the classification of the papers handed in:—Very good 17, Good 13, Very fair 5, and Fair 1.

The work of the kindergarten division consists of simple reading, conversation, action songs and occupations. Under the last named designation comes paper-folding, stitching, pricking and mat-weaving. It is gratifying to be able to note the Inspector's appreciation is defining the "hand work" as having been done with enthusiasm, some very clever work being the result. The "special preparatory class" for Chinese pupils in various stages of instruction have progressed satisfactorily. Mr. Ralphs points out that "the pupils should be encouraged to speak loudly." There is no doubt that the girls will overcome their timidity when they can command a better knowledge of the English language and therefore become more reliant in a language at present

quite foreign to them. Inter-course with English-speaking girls at school will also enable them to acquire greater fluency in speaking.

The upper classes have again done well under the teaching of the Headmistress. At the last Hongkong University Local Examinations all the Junior girls got high marks in English, and so did the Seniors presented. Miss A. M. Woodman passed with honours; Miss M. Higgins also passed the Senior Local Examination with distinction in Biblical Knowledge. The names of the successful girls in the Junior Section are:—F. Nunes, L. Nunes, M. O. Osorio, Chu Suk Yea, M. M. Coelho, D. Morris, and B. White. Seven girls presented themselves for the Oxford Preliminary and all passed.

The study of domestic economy is receiving greater attention than before and, according to the official report, "a gratifying improvement has taken place in the teaching of this subject." In the two highest classes lessons are also given on "The Feeding and Care of Infants," based on a pamphlet prepared by Dr. Johnson, Principal Civil Medical Officer. The discipline of the school has been very good. In the matter of apparatus for experiments and demonstrations. As in 1915, the school earned the Maximum Grant from Government.

Until the detailed results of the Oxford Preliminary Examination are received, no award can be made for the Lugard Scholarship, nor can the names be determined of the two girls who will have the honour of inscription in the Lady Lugard Shield.

Largely due to the suggestion of Mr. Ralphs, the local Secretary of the St. John's Ambulance Association, 24 pupils voluntarily attended a course of lectures in "First Aid." Dr. Keoh very kindly undertook the duties of honorary lecturer. The class was in every way a success. The examination was conducted by Surgeon-General Hoskyn, R. N., who reported that the pupils showed both intelligence and respect; the best work was done by the younger girls, i.e., those in Class 3.

Stenography continues to be an attractive subject of study with the girls in the higher classes, probably because of its commercial value (when added to a practical knowledge of type-writing) after the girls have left school. This special class has been well attended. Examinations in connection with Pitman's Phonetic Institute at Bath were held on the 10th and 27th July last. Papers were sent out from England and the examinations were conducted in the presence of members of a local Committee according to prescribed rules. Notes of the test papers and transcription were forwarded to the Examiners at Bath and the results were duly received from them. Certificates were awarded to the following successful students:—Speed—M. Braga, A. Levy, G. Restvet, D. Restvet, M. Neves, E. Witchoff; Elementary—R. Bishop, E. Carvalho, Ph. d'Almada e Castro, O. Figueiredo, L. Knight, M. Neves, L. Nunes, I. Santos and L. D. Wissei.

It will be recalled that mention was made in my report last year that representations had been addressed, through the Director of Education, to the University Authorities for Certificates in Music. Embodied in a series of recommendations made by a Committee of managers and school teachers to the University are the following remarks I wrote:—"Certain scholars attending the Italian Convent School have signified their desire to submit themselves for examination in practical Music. These scholars come from the Philippine Islands, and it is flattering to our University that they should express appreciation of a Local Certificate in Music if such be obtainable at the end of their course. When we regard the potential number of scholars who may be attracted from the Philippines to the Colony as a centre of learning and the special characteristics of the Philippines as a musical race, the suggestion now urged appears to be one well worth consideration." To this the following reply, dated 21st

December, 1915, was received by the Inspector of English Schools and circulated for the Committee's information on the 24th:—"It is regretted that the University cannot undertake to institute a separate examination in Music." While I regret this decision, I hope it is not irrevocable, and that at some future date the subject will again merit the consideration of the University authorities.

Enthusiasm in drawing and painting continues unabated; this in specially noticeable among the Chinese pupils, one of whom—Miss Tung Man Tang—has had the honour of having two paintings accepted by Lady May for sale on behalf of the War Charities. The paintings have been on public exhibition for some time and, as just recently announced in the press, have been sold for \$100 each.

Mention of War Charities leads me to refer to the little assistance the girls of the Convent have been able to render to the Committee of Ladies in preparing nursing and clothing materials for the wounded at the front; in all over 1,700 articles were made at the Convent.

I cannot conclude this report without expressing my acknowledgments to the Committee of the Hongkong Schools and St. Joseph's College (Old Boys') Association for the opportunity afforded the pupils of this school to take part at their annual sports at Happy Valley. The successful competitors were Misses Lucilla Coelho, Daisy Horley and Agnes Fung. During the year, death claimed another member of the Convent community. After a brief illness, the death took place on 27th March, 1916, of Mother Vice, the Rev. Sister Angela Robecchi.

#### Prize List.

Class 1.—Marjorie Woodman, 1st prize and Senior University Certificate with honours. May Higgins, 2nd prize and Senior University distinction in religious knowledge.

Class 2.—Florentina Nunes, 1st prize, Junior University Certificate, distinction in rel. know.; Lindemira Nunes, 2nd prize, Junior Certificate, distinction in rel. know.; Christina Osorio, Junior Certificate, distinction in rel. know.; Mercedes Coelho and Dorothy Morris, Junior University Certificate, distinction in rel. know.; Chu Luk Yea, Junior University Certificate, distinction in classical Chinese; Beatrice White, Junior University Certificate, distinction in English.

Class 3.—Antonia Campos, 1st prize for general profit and Preliminary Oxford Certificate; Bertha Goon, 1st prize for general profit and Preliminary Oxford Certificate; Bertha Carvalho, Preliminary Oxford Certificate, distinction for English; Assunção Sian, Preliminary Oxford Certificate, distinction for arithmetic; Emilia Figueiredo, Preliminary Oxford Certificate, distinction for application; Ada Hammond, Preliminary Oxford Certificate, distinction for English; Cynthia Tavares, distinction for conduct, application and geography.

Class 4.—Theresa Gil, 1st prize for general profit; Daisy Tam, 2nd prize for general profit; Maria Remedios, distinction for conduct, application and English; Adela del Campo, distinction for rel. know., history, drawing and type-writing; Lucilla Coelho, distinction for recitation, geography and writing; Carrie Tension, distinction for rel. know., English and history; Sophia Nemese, distinction for rel. know., recitation and dictation; Evelyn Soons, distinction for reading and recitation.

Class 5.—Ivy Low, 1st prize for general proficiency and needlework; Agnes Fung, 1st prize for general proficiency and needlework; Fátima Campos, 2nd prize for general proficiency and needlework; Margaret Holden, distinction for rel. know. and geography; Onchita Jison, distinction for drawing and geography; Gersona Melaine, distinction for application and needlework; Annie Pereira, distinction for recitation and dictation; Elizabeth Ward, distinction for conduct and politeness; Alida Carvalho, distinction for conduct and English; Maria Baptista, distinction for needlework.

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## COMPANY REPORT.

Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd., was held in London on December 19, when the Directors' report and statement of accounts for the year ending June 30, 1916, were submitted. Below we give an extract from the Directors' report:—

The net result of the year's transactions shows a balance to the credit of Profit and Loss Account of £275,377, made up as follows:—

Proportion of Keilan Mining Administration's Profit, plus China Interest ... £195,145  
Interest in Europe ... 10,844  
Agency Fees ... 4,000  
Sundry Receipts ... 58  
Balance brought forward ... 99,159

Total ... £309,004

Deduct:  
Expenses in Europe ... £3,871  
Directors' Fees ... 420  
Income Tax ... 25,507  
Exchange ... 49

£33,827

Leaving a Net Balance of ... £275,377 which the Directors recommend should be appropriated as follows:—

Interim Dividend 5 per cent. paid 15th May 1916, absorbed ... £50,000  
Final Dividend 5 per cent. (making 10 per cent. for the year) ... 50,000  
Balance carried forward, subject to provision for Excess Profits duty ... 175,377

£275,377

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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## NOTICE.

ON SATURDAY, 23rd Dec. All Departments will remain open until 7 p.m. On 24th, 25th, and 26th, December, all Departments will be CLOSED; prescriptions will be dispensed as usual.  
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1916.

## HONGKONG HOTEL GRILL ROOM.

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IN view of the fact that the above performance will commence at 7.30 p.m. an after Theatre Supper will be served in the Grill Room at 10.45 p.m.

SUPPER TICKETS \$2.00 PER HEAD.

The entire proceeds of the sale of the above will be devoted to

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9.15 a.m. Naval Launch.

9.30 a.m. Police Launch.

9.45 a.m. (Army Service).

10.30 a.m. Victoria.

2 p.m. Victoria.

Home

Stonecutters' (dept.)

4.30 Army Service.

5.00 Victoria.

5.15 Naval Launch.

5.30 Army Service.

These launches will run mainly for the convenience of Competitors and officials on the Range. They may also be used free of charge by any person in service uniform, and by ladies.

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## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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No Claim will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after noon, the 27th December, 1916, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 30th December, 1916, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th December, at 10 a.m. by the Company's surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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Hongkong, 21st December, 1916.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 29th December, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 11th January, or they will not be recognised.

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(1) That the capital of the Company be reduced from \$4,000,000 (Four million dollars) divided into 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares of \$10 (Ten dollars) each, to \$3,000,000 (Three million dollars) divided into 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares of \$7.50 (Seven dollars and fifty cents) each, and that such reduction be effected by returning (on such date as the Company's Board of Directors shall appoint) to the holders of the 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares that have been issued paid up capital to the extent of \$2.50 (Two dollars and fifty cents) per share and by reducing the nominal amount of each of the said shares from \$10 (Ten dollars) to \$7.50 (Seven dollars and fifty cents).

(2) That application be made to the Supreme Court of Hongkong to confirm the reduction of the capital of the Company in conformity with the foregoing Resolution.

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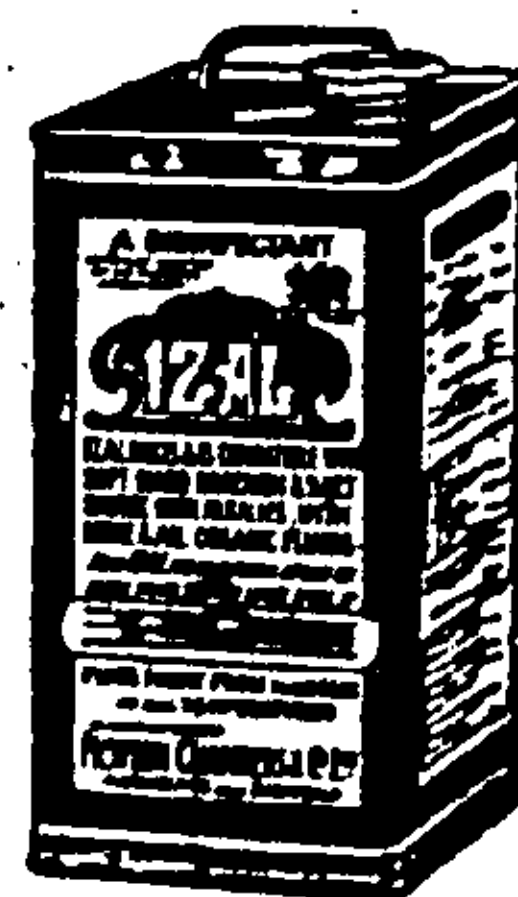


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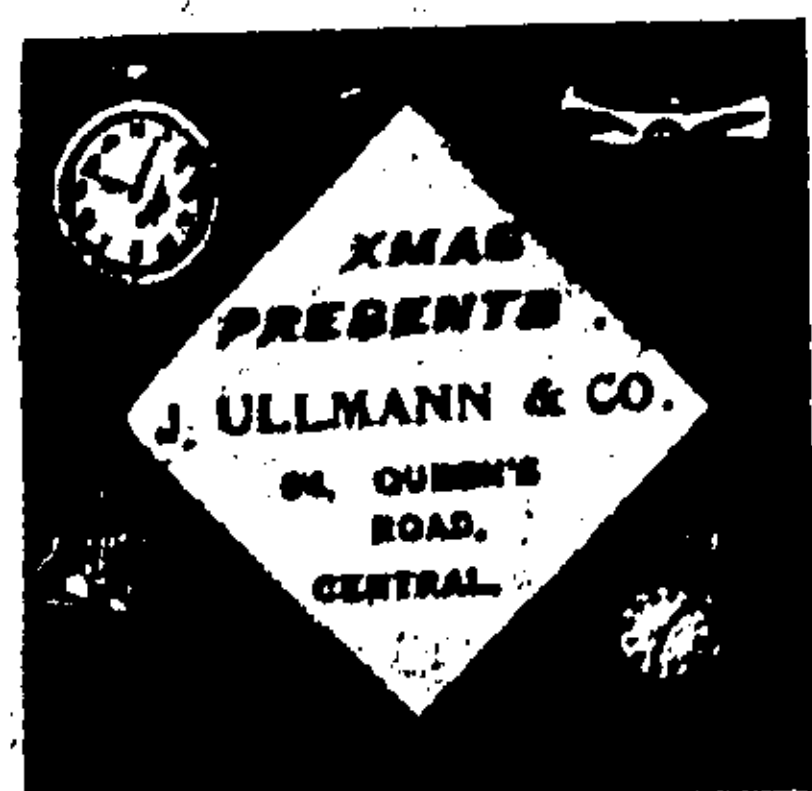
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WILL despatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on or about the DATES named—

For	Steamers	To Sail On	Remarks
LONDON & Bombay via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Port Said and Marseilles	NOVARA Capt. H. R. Hetherington, R.N.R.	noon 29th Dec.	Connecting at Colombo with Mail Steamer MOOLTAN.
SHANGHAI, Moji and Kobe	SOMALI Capt. L. D. Pinckney	about 30th Dec.	Direct Service.
SHANGHAI, Moji and Kobe	NYANZA Capt. J. Gaunt, R.N.R.	about 7th Jan.	Direct Service.
LONDON via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Port Said and Marseilles	SOMALI Capt. L. D. Pinckney	about 17th Jan.	Direct Service.

WIRELESS ON ALL STEAMERS. Return tickets at a fare-and-a-half available to Europe for two years, or Intermediate Ports for six months. Round-the-world and through tickets to New York, at Special Rates.

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Hongkong, Dec. 21, 1916.

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## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

Projected Sailings from Hongkong—

Subject to Alteration

Destination.	Steamers	Sailing Date
LONDON via Singapore, Malacca, Penang, Colombo, Delagoa Bay, Cape Town, Ténariffe	1 Kamo Maru Capt. R. Shimidzu T. 16,000	THURS. 28th Dec. at noon
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE via Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Nagoya & Yokohama	1 Kashima Maru Capt. K. Inada T. 21,000	THURS. 4th Jan. at noon
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville and Brisbane	1 Shidzuka Maru Capt. Noma T. 12,500	WED. 3rd Jan. at noon
CYTTA via S'pore, F'ang & Rangoon	1 Kamakura Maru T. 12,500	TUES. 23rd Jan. at noon
BOMBAY via S'pore, Malacca & Cebu	1 Nikko Maru Capt. R. Takeda T. 9,500	TUES. 16th Jan. at 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI and Kobe	1 Aki Maru T. 13,500	TUES. 13th Feb. at 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI, Kobe and Yokohama	Tosa Maru Capt. O. Sakamoto T. 10,000	FRIDAY. 12th Dec. 12th Dec.
NAGASAKI, Kobe and Yokohama	Yorofu Maru Capt. S. Hirata T. 8,000	FRIDAY. 22nd Dec. 22nd Dec.
KOBE	Bombay Maru Capt. S. Shinohara T. 8,000	FRIDAY. 22nd Dec. 22nd Dec.
EASTBOUND NEW YORK LINE VIA PANAMA CANAL (CARGO ONLY).	Kirin Maru Capt. T. Sasaki T. 8,000	FRIDAY. 22nd Dec. 22nd Dec.
	Aisuta Maru Capt. K. Itsuno T. 16,000	SATUR. 13th Jan. at 10 a.m.
	Aki Maru T. 13,500	THURS. 11th Jan. at 10 a.m.
	Moyori Maru Capt. M. Taniguchi T. 8,000	FRIDAY. 22nd Dec. 22nd Dec.

NEW YORK via Manila, S'pore, Francisco, Panama and Colon.  
1 Toyooka M. T. 15,000  
Capt. G. Shinomiya  
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SAN FRANCISCO LINE  
VIA SHANGHAI, THE INLAND SEA, JAPAN & HONOLULU.  
Sailings from Hongkong—Subject to change without notice.

Steamer	Displacement Tons & Speed	Leave Hongkong
Nippon Maru	11,000 - 15 knots	4th Jan. 1917.
Shinyo Maru	22,000 - 21 knots	15th Jan.
Persia Maru	9,000 - 14 knots	27th Jan.
Korea Maru	18,000 - 18 knots	10th Feb.
Siberia Maru	18,000 - 18 knots	26th Feb.
Tenyo Maru	22,000 - 21 knots	6th Mar.

1st class to London G\$348. (£71.10.0), return G\$619. (£122).  
to San Francisco G\$250. return G\$437.50.  
Cargo only. Proceeding to South America.  
For this voyage the Persia Maru will call at Honolulu.

Special Rates given to NAVAL, MILITARY, CIVIL SERVICE, MISSIONARIES etc.  
ROUND THE WORLD Tickets issued in Connection with all the Principal Mail Lines and the Trans-Siberian Railway.

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SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.  
VIA JAPAN PORTS, SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU, ILOILO, LOS ANGELES, SALINA CRUZ PANAMA, CALLAO, IQUIQUE, VALPARAISO, THENCE BY TRANSANDAN ROUTE TO BUENOS AIRES, ETC.

Steamer	Tons & Speed	Leave Hongkong
Kiyo Maru	1,720 - 14 knots	9th Jan. 1917.

For Full Particulars as to Passage & Freight, apply to  
T. DAICO, Agent,  
KING'S BUILDINGS.

JAVA PACIFIC LINE  
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Monthly Service between  
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Next sailings for SAN FRANCISCO via NAGASAKI.  
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ALL STEAMERS FITTED WITH WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

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For Steamer Date of Departure

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## C. N. C.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

For	Steamers	To Sail
SAIGON/HONGKONG	Kashio	23rd Dec. at noon
HONGKONG/HONGKONG	Foochow	23rd Dec. at noon
SHANGHAI	Anhui	24th Dec. at 10 a.m.
HOIHOW & HAIPHONG	Kailong	26th Dec. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	Sunning	26th Dec. at 4 p.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	Tan	27th Dec. at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Shantung	28th Dec. at 4 p.m.

DIRECT SAILINGS TO WEST RIVER, Twice Weekly.

S.S. "LINTAN" and S.S. "SANJU."

MANILA LINE—Twin Screw Steamers "Chinua," "Taming," and "Tan." Excellent saloon accommodation amidstships; electric fans fitted; extra staterooms on deck; "Taming" & "Tan."

SHANGHAI LINE—PASSENGERS, MAILS AND CARGO.

S.S. "Anhui," "Chuan," "Luckow," "Yingchow," "Shantung," and "Sindang," with excellent accommodation, electric light and fans in Saloon and State-rooms, maintain a regular schedule service between Canton, Hongkong and Shanghai, leaving Hongkong for Shanghai direct every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday, taking cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports. Passengers are landed in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of transshipment at Woosung.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Telephone No. 36.

Hongkong Dec. 22, 1916.

## JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

Regular Fortnightly Service between

JAVA CHINA and JAPAN.

Steamer	From	Expected on or about	Will leave on or about	For
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Tjilatjap	KOBE	24th Dec.	27th Dec.	JAVA & MAKASSAR
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Tjimanok	SHANGHAI	24th Dec.	28th Dec.	JAVA
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Tjitaroem	JAVA	28th Dec.	3rd Jan.	SHANGHAI
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Tjiliwong	MAKASSAR	27th Dec.	31st Dec.	KOBE
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Wireless Telegraphy.

The steamers are all fitted throughout with electric light and have accommodation for a limited number of saloon-passengers.

All steamers carry a duly qualified surgeon. Cargo taken at through rates to all ports in Netherlands-India and Australia.

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## THE EASTERN &amp; AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED.

MAIL SERVICE TO AUSTRALIA.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION WITHOUT NOTICE.)

Steamer	Arrive Hongkong from Australia	Leave Hongkong for Australia
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Eastern	6th Jan.	26th Dec. at 11 a.m.
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Sl Albans	27th Jan.	27th Jan.
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The above Steamers are fitted with Refrigerating Machinery, ensuring a plentiful supply of Ice, Fresh Provisions, etc., and are lighted throughout with Electricity. All State-Rooms have Electric Fans. A duly qualified Doctor and Stewards are carried.

All Steamers Fitted with Wireless Telegraphy.

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HONGKONG &amp; SOUTH CHINA COAST PORT SERVICE.

Regular Service of Fast, High Class Coast Steamers having good accommodation for First Class Passengers, Electric Light and Fans in state-rooms and Saloon and Excellent Cuisine.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOSHOW AND RETURN.

(Occupying 9 to 10 days.)

Steamships	Captain	Leaving
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Hailong	J. W. Evans	FRI. 22nd Dec. at 11 a.m.
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Haitan	A. E. Hodgins	THUR. 28th Dec. at 11 a.m.
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FOR SWATOW.

Haitan..... | A. E. Hodgins... | SUN. 24th Dec. at 10 a.m.

(For Amoy Passengers only) \* Cargo for Amoy via Foochow.

Arrivals and Departures from the Company's Wharf (near Blake Pier).

For Freight and Passage, apply to

Douglas Lapraik & Co., General Managers.

## INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

(Projected Sailings from Hongkong—Subject to Alteration).

For	Steamship	Sat.	On
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MANILA	Yuensang	Sat.	23rd Dec. at 3 p.m.
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SHANGHAI via Swatow	Wingsang	Sun.	24th Dec. at 10 a.m.
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HAIPHONG	Loksang	Sun.	24th Dec. at 7 a.m.
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SHANGHAI via Swatow	Kwongsang	Thur.	28th Dec. at 10 a.m.
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KOBE & Moji	Kumsang	Thur.	28th Dec. at 10 a.m.
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SHANGHAI	Yusang	Thur.	28th Dec. at 10 a.m.
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SHANGHAI	Choyssang	Fri.	29th Dec. at 10 a.m.
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HAIPHONG	Taksang	Fri.	29th Dec. at 10 a.m.
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MANILA	Loongsang	Sat.	30th Dec. at 3 p.m.
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SANDAKAN	Hinsang	Fri.	5th Jan. at noon
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Return Tours to Japan.

The steamers Kumsang, Namsang, Lalsang and Fooksang, leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and Japan, returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong. Time occupied 20 days.

This service is supplemented by the Yatsung and Kumsang leaving Hongkong at regular intervals for Yokohama, Kobe and Moji and returning thence direct to Hongkong. Time occupied 16 days.

These vessels have all modern improvements and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

A duly qualified surgeon is also carried.

\* Steamers have superior accommodation for First-class Passengers, and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

† Taking Cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Yangtze Ports, Chetoo, Tientsin, Dainy, Weihaiwei.

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Under Straits Government Passport Regulations.

All European Passengers leaving the Colony for Straits Settlements are required to produce on arrival at destination passports with their Photographs and description affixed thereto.

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## COMMERCIAL NEWS.

Opening for British Trade.

Since the outbreak of the war, applications have been received at the Department of Commercial Intelligence from a large number of firms in all parts of the United Kingdom, and abroad, who wish to get into communication with United Kingdom manufacturers or producers of various classes of goods which have previously been obtained from Germany and Austria-Hungary.

Applications for names of manufacturers or producers of the following (amongst other) articles have been recorded during the past week:—Agar-agar. Japanese Buttons, galath and imitation horn. Chemicals—Bicarbonate of soda, for aerated water manufacturers; potassium carbonate, 85 per cent; pyrogallol acid; stearate of lime.

Drugs—Aniseed; "Arome de beurre A" (margarine flavouring). Earthenware household utensils. (French inquiry). Enamelled ware. (French inquiry). Ferrules, metal, for artists' brushes. Gloves, woollen, men's, women's and girls'. Machinery and plant—China cotton-making machinery; glass grinding machines, for scientific instruments, glass tape, &c.; machinery for making elastic webs (Russian inquiry); machinery for making fabric for fancy cords (Russian inquiry); machinery for making material, used in the manufacture of knitted goods; machinery for spinning lisle thread; ploughshares; hand-pairing machine. Mirrors, and wood. Pigments—Ultramarine blue; vegetable red. Pencil cedar. Sugar of milk. Typewriter accessories—Stencil paper (French inquiry); typewriter carbons and ribbons (French inquiry). Wheels, cast iron, for toys.

Krupp's: Profits and Expansion.

A table of statistics of the profits earned and dividends declared by the German engineering works engaged in the manufacture of munitions furnishes interesting data. Huge profits have been earned by almost all of the companies engaged, which have been the means of placing them on a sound financial footing, and enabled them to enter the divided paying stage. For instance the firm of Casapp and Gussey, of Mainz, shows the following record during the past three business years on a capital of 1,300,000 marks.

Net Profits

Year.	Marks.	Dividend.
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1913	2,473	3 per cent.
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1914	33,986	6 per cent.
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1915	3,549,961	125 per cent.
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Whilst the Creld Steel Works shows—

Net Profits

Year	Marks	Dividend
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1913	nil	nil
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1914	672,346	12 per cent.
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1915	3,127,493	15 per cent.
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Krupp's works at Essen yielded a net profit of 33,900,000 marks in 1913 and 86,470,000 in 1914, paying a dividend of 12 per cent. in each year. The figures for 1915 are not yet published, but it is safe to assume they will be of huge dimensions in proportion to the profits of other firms in the same class of business. Krupp's have been actively pushing forward with the new works they are establishing at Munich. Latest advices indicate that work will be commenced in the early part of 1917. The Munich works will cover an area of 70,000 square metres, or almost twenty acres, the plans of which have been drawn up by the firm's own experts at Essen. Essen will continue the preparation of the raw materials for Krupp's yards at Kiel and the new establishment at Munich, which will be devoted mainly to manufactured machinery, such as turning lathes, planes, presses, and mixing requisites. The manufacture of such finer machines has been interfered with by the more pressing needs of the German Army and Navy. Attached to the main shop of the works there is a number of smaller buildings for repair work, with narrow gauge railways connecting every part of the establishment. The main engines provide all the steam; hot water, and electricity. Houses for the workmen and the company's officials are being built in and around Munich, and a spacious dining-hall is being provided.

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1916.

## TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

## NEW HONOURS.

December 21, 10.50 p.m.

The honours conferred consequent on the resignation of Mr. Asquith and his colleagues are:—

Viscounties.—Mr. Lewis Harcourt, Lord Sandhurst and Lord Cowdray.

Baronies.—Sir Edward Partington, Sir Joseph Pesse, M.P., Sir J. A. Dewar, M.P., Sir T. Roe, M.P.

Privy Counsellors.—Mr. J. W. Gulland, M.P., Mr. T. Wiles, M.P., Baronets.—Sir Jesse Boot, the Right Hon. J. H. M. Campbell, M.P., Mr. J. S. Ainsworth, M.P.

Knightships.—The Very Rev. John Herkless, (Vice Chancellor and Principal of the University of St. Andrews), Mr. Evan Spicer, The Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath.—Sir Samuel Evans, President of the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Courts.

Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath.—The Hon. Theophilus Russell, Mr. Maurice Bonham-Carter.

Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.—The Hon. James Eric Drummond, who was one of Mr. Asquith's private secretaries.

## BOXING.

Scott and Stapleton Sign Articles.

Articles were signed in the Telegraph office this morning for the forthcoming contest between Corporal Scott and Seaman Stapleton. The fight, which takes place on January 6 at the City Hall, in connection with the H.K.P.R. Sports Night, will be one of 15 rounds, each of two minutes' duration, with one minute's interval between each two rounds.

Corporal Scott's record is well-known locally, while Stapleton, we understand, knows quite a lot about ringcraft. Of the two the latter is slightly the bigger man and probably scales a little more. So far as physical proportion goes, the men are exceptionally well-matched, and the fight will only be won on experience.

Stapleton is being trained by Paddy Finn (Scott's beaten opponent) and by Seaman Pepsin.

An opportunity will later be given to the public of seeing the seaman training at the Naval Canton.

## HONAN OFFICIALS CASHIERED.

Curious Charges and General Surprise.

Kaifeng, Dec. 11.—Shortly after the death of the late President Yuan accusations against several of the first officials of the province were forwarded to Peking. Investigations have been proceeding under agents of the National Assembly which have resulted in the dismissal from office of Chief Secretary Tso (Cheng Wa-t'ing) from the Civil Governor's yamen; this for misappropriation of funds and misconduct of affairs. Police Commissioner Wang, is also on the carpet, on similar charges, preferred by the Provincial Assembly.

This change comes as a great surprise to a large body of Mr. Wang's admirers, as it is conceded that the city has never enjoyed a larger measure of good police government than at present. Under Mr. Wang's regime of office the city has been cleansed from many of the pestilential areas of former days; he has given a wholehearted support to the work of the Committee on Public Health; and the foreign population of the city, now grown to about fifty, has never been more immune from troubles, as the police department has co-operated in every way to assist Foreign Commissioner Han in all his efforts.

The province has maintained for three years a school known as the "Liu Mei," or School for Preparing Students for America.

## THE RACES.

Programme for the Next Meeting.

We have received from Messrs. Noronha and Company a draft copy of the programme for the 1917 Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club, which is due to take place at Happy Valley on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, February, 26, 27, 28 and March 3.

We notice that the programme is identical to that of last year save in one particular, that being that, on the third day, the seventh event, which last year was the Governor's Cup, is to be for the "Rialto" Stakes, presented by the members of the Hongkong Stock Exchange. The winner will here receive \$1,000, the second \$200 and the third \$100. The Governor's Cup is not in the programme at all.

There will be ten events on each of the three opening days, the card for the "Off Day" not having been arranged, as it is dependent on the results of the other days' racing.

The Provincial Assembly has been debating the question of continuing this school after the coming summer and seemingly has determined in the negative. It has decided to send 40 students to America on a yearly grant of \$2,000 for four years. Twenty of these forty will be the first twenty of the graduating class next June, and the other twenty will be selected by examination from all parts of the province; these examinations are set in English.—N. C. Daily News.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

## FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

## XMAS HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on MONDAY, and TUESDAY, the 25th and 26th instant.

By Order,  
A. R. LOWE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1916.

## MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

## XMAS HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all MARINE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on MONDAY, and TUESDAY, the 25th and 26th instant.

By Order,  
A. R. LOWE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1916.

## SOLICITORS' COSTS.

## A Successful Claim.

At the Summary Court this afternoon, before Mr. Justice Gomperts, a claim was heard in which Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, solicitors, claimed \$251.80 from a former client of theirs, named Hoi Pui-sang, being costs for work done.

Mr. C. E. H. Beavis appeared for plaintiff, and Mr. E. Davidson defended.

Mr. Beavis explained that there were three bills of costs for work done on defendant's instructions, and that on November 13, the defendant saw him and asked for further time, which was granted.

Mr. Davidson said that one bill for \$55 was admitted.

Evidence was then given by Mr. Beavis, who spoke to the work done.

Defendant, in the box, admitted owing part of the money, but said that in the other case another man was the purchaser of some land and he the vendor; therefore the purchaser should pay the costs.

Questioned by Mr. Beavis, defendant admitted that the sale fell through, but added that he would have to get the would-be purchaser to pay them.

His Lordship gave judgment for plaintiffs with costs.

## RIFLE SHOOTING.

Talkoo Recreation Club v. Hongkong Volunteers.

This League match between these teams was fired off at Talkoo recently, the Volunteers winning by the narrow margin of three points. The scores were:—

	200	500	800	Total
Simpson	27	31	32	90
Eldridge	28	29	27	84
Lyle	26	27	30	83
Grimshaw	28	31	24	83
Nicol	27	30	25	82
Heath	30	29	23	82
Danby	30	30	12	72
Hill	24	28	26	78

Total... 681  
Less 4 per cent. for Apertures 28

Net... 635  
H. K. V. C.

	200	500	800	Total
Gar Green	32	27	30	89
Corpl. Martin	30	29	27	86
Gar Sorby	30	24	28	82
Sgt. Manek	28	28	26	82
Sgt. Bradbury	26	27	27	80
C. S. M. Duncan	26	25	27	78
Sgt. Sutherland	25	28	21	72
Br. Railton	26	24	19	69

Total... 638

H.K.P.R. Winter "Bisley." The Hongkong Volunteer Reserve team will include Lieut. Thornhill, Lieut. Opl. Goodman, Pte. K. McLennan and Pte. A. Jenkins.

A prize for the team shoot has been presented by the Holland China Trading Company.

In addition to those already announced, a prize will be given for the best shoot among the sixteen Indian competitors.

For the Troops. We have received a parcel of literature for the troops from Mr. J. H. Gardiner.

Money by Menaces. Before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this afternoon, a Chinese Bazaar Officer, and a Chinese wharfinger were charged on remand with demanding the sum of \$100 by menaces from various persons. Mr. E. J. Grist is appearing for one defendant and Mr. J. H. Gardiner for the other. Further evidence was taken and the case was again adjourned.

## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK.

## A False Rumour at Bangkok.

Last evening, says the Siam Weekly Mail of November 28, there was a persistent rumour among some of the Chinese Siam traders that the H. and S. B. C. was about to suspend payment. This morning we had a few enquiries from our Siamese readers about this, and we therefore saw Mr. Townsend, the local agent on the matter. Mr. Townsend, who himself had heard of this rumour, wired the Head Office at Hongkong this morning and the following reply has been received by him:—

"No justification whatever for any rumours. Bank's position never better. Can only presume German propaganda."

Assent this, continues our Bangkok contemporary, we have received the following communication from the British Minister:—

His Britannic Majesty's Minister desires to make known that the rumours which he understands to be current in Bangkok in regard to the position of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation are malicious and wholly without foundation. The dissemination of these rumours is a mischievous manoeuvre attributable to a desire to injure the Bank's interests and to disturb the commercial prosperity of Bangkok. This manoeuvre is identical with one initiated a few months ago in Shanghai against the same Bank without success, which was shown to be the outcome of intrigues conducted by persons inimical to British interests.

The head office of the Bank telegraphs from Hongkong that there is no justification whatever for these mendacious rumours current here, and that the bank's position never was better.

## "KISMET."

## Another Performance Arranged.

Owing to the enormous success of "Kismet," and the great demand for seats, it has been decided to give another performance on Saturday, 30th inst., at 7.30 p.m. This will be positively the last performance, the booking for same opening to-morrow morning at Montre's. For the convenience of the public, the plans will be available at the Hongkong Hotel on Boxing Day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Montre's will remain open until 5 p.m. to-morrow.

A recherche supper will be served in the Hongkong Hotel Grill Room after the performance, which will conclude about 10.30 p.m., the management having generously offered to devote the entire proceeds to the Star and Garter Fund. The booking of tables is now proceeding at the Hotel, the price of supper being \$2 per head.

## PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. ARMAND BHEIC, from Colombo, on Dec. 22.

Baron Rev & Mrs. Jacquin Bonaventura Fr. P. Marsoulles DuFau de Bonfield H. Pittman Mr & Mrs. Collie H. Paul D. E. Fridlander W. Silvestre Gardier Bangkok Vicer Mrs. Hay T. C.

Per s.s. LUOHOW, from Shanghai, on Dec. 22.

Christie Mrs. F. Harrison O. G. Campbell Mrs. Newfield Miss Davies R. B.

Per s.s. TEAN, from Manila, on Dec. 22.

Cannalaghan D. Stadienilles L. R. Frey W. S. Werksmales L. R. R.



## CANTON HOSPITAL.

## Celebration of 80th Anniversary.

The eightieth anniversary of the Canton Hospital was marked by a reception at the Hospital on Tuesday. It was attended by over five hundred guests, comprising the leading foreigners and Chinese, officials, business men, doctors, preachers and other friends of the Hospital and their wives.

The guests assembled at about three o'clock in the Hospital garden, being received by the Managing Committee and Staff of the Hospital. A line was then formed, and all made a tour of inspection of the hospital premises, which have undergone extensive repairs, and are now renovated and well equipped. The Military Band, kindly lent by His Excellency Luk Wing-ting, the Military Governor, played during the proceedings at frequent intervals.

After the inspection, there was a meeting in the Hospital Church auditorium (the Second Presbyterian Church) where speeches were made by His Excellency Chu Hing-lan, Civil Governor of the Province, congratulating the Hospital on its record and present position, and presenting a handsome framed appreciation; by the Senior Trustee of the Hospital, Mr. J. W. Jamieson, British Consul-General, telling of his long connection with medical work in China in the Canton Hospital, and his pleasure in its rejuvenation so happily begun; by the representative of the Military Governor, Dr. Hue; by the Rev. Wm. D. Noyes, the representative of the Managing Committee, in Chinese, telling of the Hospital's past and present, and looking forward to a splendid future; by Mr. Chan Lim-pak of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in Canton; and short congratulatory addresses by the representatives of the Finance Commissioner. The True Light Glee Club and a Foreign Quartette added much enjoyment to the proceedings. Mr. Wong Yuk-shing opened with prayer. Dr. W. Graham Reynolds, the Chairman of the Managing Committee, and Dr. J. Oscar Thomson, Chairman of the Staff, were also on the platform, and the Chairman of the meeting was the newly-arrived American Consul-General, Mr. P. H. Heinemann, who has already an interest in the Canton Hospital from his former appointment in Canton.

At the close of an interesting meeting, all inspected the women's wards of the Hospital on the way back to the garden, where tea was served, the cakes having been given by the foreign friends of the Hospital in Canton.

All expressed themselves as much pleased, and wished, with one speaker, that the Hospital may still have "ten thousand generations" before it.

## VOLUNTEER RESERVE ORDERS.

Order No. 106, issued to-day by Major Wakeman, Commanding H. K. V. R., states:—

## Detail.

On duty from the morning of Sunday, December 24, to the morning of Sunday, December 31, H. K. V. R. Next for duty, "B" Coy. H. K. V. R. Orderly Officer, 2nd Lieut. O. W. Beswick.

## Parades.

For week ending December 30.—Nil.

## Strength.

No. 254 Pte. T. W. Mackay is permitted to resign.  
No. 323 Pte. K. Seth, having left the Colony, is struck off the strength.

Pte. A. W. Eastman, having joined, is allotted Corps No. 630 and posted to Coy. "B" Platoon No. V. Section 1.

Notice.—Owing to the dry weather and the inflammable nature of all vegetation on the hillsides, the Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department has requested that care will be exercised to extinguish matches, cigars and cigarettes before throwing them away.

## VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued to-day by Lieut.-Colonel A. Chapman V.D., state:—

## Resigned.

No. 1963 Pte. A. Whitmarsh is permitted to resign from this date.

## Leave.

No. 1531 Pte. A. Keith is granted 3 months' leave from 26.11.18. No. 2090 Pte. R. H. Sharp is granted 2 months' leave from 26.11.18. No. 1852 Pte. A. H. Compton is granted 6 months' leave from 15.12.18. No. 2002 Pte. J. N. Cunningham is granted 2 months' leave from 22.12.18. No. 1494 Gr. E. Douglas is granted 2 weeks' leave from 21.12.18. No. 1864 Pte. P. W. A. Wilkie is granted 6 months' extension of leave to 17.6.17. No. 1776 Pte. A. David is granted an extension of leave to 31.3.17.

## Musketry.

The undermentioned N.C.O. and men will attend for musketry at King's Park Range on Saturday, 23rd instant, at 2.15 p.m. Recruits to bring 30 and 20 rounds for Part 1 and 2 respectively. Trained Men to bring 30 and 23 rounds for Part 1 and 2 respectively:—

Recruits Part 1.—Gr. A. F. Brown, Pte. B. Young.

Recruits Part 2.—Ptes. J. Coelho, B. Young, P. T. Rosario, Sprs. T. Gibbison, J. H. Gordon, A. W. Harlow, T. Leaman, H. A. Moosdeen, J. Moraes, Pte. P. Tangap, Gr. A. F. Brown.

Trained Men Part 1.—O. S. M. D. K. Blair.

Trained Men Part 2.—O. S. M. D. K. Blair, Sprs. C. Dickens, J. E. Hansen, M. Houghton.

## Parades.

2.15 p.m. Musketry King's Park Range (as above). Range Officer, Lieut. O. Smith. Officer i/c Butts, Captain Preston.

Wednesday 27th instant:—5.15 p.m. Artillery Battery platoon drill at Headquarters. 5.30 p.m. Signalling Section at B. A. Theatre.

Thursday, 28th instant:—Examination for Signalling Section class "B." Time and place to be notified later by O. C. Signalling Section.

Friday 29th instant:—5.15 p.m. Recruits of all units at Headquarters. C.S.M. Witchell and Corpl. Grimes will attend.

## Detail.

On duty 24th instant, Artillery Battery; On duty 25th instant, Belchers 6" Section; On duty 26th instant, Belchers 6" Section; On duty 27th instant, Centre Section M.G.Co.; On duty 28th instant, Right Section M.G.Co.; On duty 29th instant, Scouts Company; On duty 30th instant, Scouts Company.

Orderly Officer from 24th to 30th instant, Lieut. Rees.

## Notices.

In view of the prevalence of small-pox in the Colony, every member of the Corps should be vaccinated at once unless he has been done within the last three years.

All members of the Corps engaged in military or other exercises on the hillsides are particularly requested to extinguish matches, cigarette ends &c., before throwing them away, in order to prevent the ignition of the inflammable vegetation.

The undermentioned members will represent the Corps v. Royal Engineers in a match to be fired on King's Park Range on Sunday 24th instant at 2.30 p.m.:—O.S.M. Duncan, Sergt. Manuk, Sergt. Bradbury, Bdr. Martin, Gr. Sorby, Gr. Green, Gr. Bailton N.L., Pte. Evans, Reserve:—Sergt. Sutherland.

The undermentioned members will represent the Corps at the Police Reserve "Haley" meeting on 28th instant:—Captain Murray Scott, Lieut. Danby, Sergt. Bradbury, Bdr. Heath. Reserves:—Sergt. Manuk and Bdr. Martin.

## SINGAPORE RUBBERS.

## Final Dividends Announced.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts advise us that the following Singapore Rubber Companies have declared final dividends:—Ayer Molek Rubber Co., Ltd., 16%, Pajam, Limited, ... 10%, Alor Gajah Rubber Estate, Ltd., 25%.

## "GOLF GROTESQUES."

## An Excellent Publication.

We have received from Messrs. Kelly and Walsh a publication which, doubtless, will prove to be an interesting and amusing souvenir to those enthusiastic players of golf at the Kowloon Cricket Club. "Golf Grotesques," by "Niblik," is a production highly to the credit of the local artist who executed the many caricatures, and also to the writers of the letter-press comments. The Kowloon Club has been one of the foremost Clubs in Hongkong to foster the game, and it includes among its members some of the best players, who find, over at this Bohemian establishment, an atmosphere of real good sport and also a course which tries the skill of the player in a manner calculated to give him prowess.

The cartoons of "famous" clubmen, showing their characteristic moods and attitudes, their idiosyncrasies, etc., are, to say the least, clever, and will be sure to cause an ending amusement among those who fraternise and play at Kowloon. The letter-press is also excellent, for in addition to giving a light-hearted account of how golf first became to be played at Kowloon, it also tells of many outstanding players, and concludes with some advice and wheezes, couched in terms understandable only to the golfing mind.

The manner in which Messrs. Kelly and Walsh have produced the book is high-class, the printing being exceedingly good.

## POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D. S. P. (Reserve) State:—

## Duties Department.

This department has been formed for the purpose of recording all duties actually performed, all substitute arrangements, and for ensuring that the duties required of the Police Reserve are equally shared by the various units. Staff Inspector Potter takes entire charge.

## Police School.

Wednesday, Dec. 27.—Class I (Chief Inspector Kerr). Class IV (Inspector P. O'Sullivan).

Thursday, Dec. 28.—Class III (Inspector Gerrard).

Friday, Dec. 29.—Class II (Inspector Gordon).

## Service Board.

Wednesday, Dec. 27.—No. 3 Company, Buglers and Drummers.

Thursday, Dec. 28.—No. 4 Company, Ambulance Platoon, Mounted Police, Maxim Gunners, and Motor Patrols.

## Buglers and Drummers.

The members of this unit, who are temporarily exempt from all other duties, will until further orders, attend for instruction on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesday, Thursdays and Fridays until further orders.

## Defaulters.

The order issued to men awarded D. D. to attend at Central Station on Saturday afternoon, December 23, is hereby cancelled. Warning officers will see that this is noted by defaulters.

## Joined.

Mounted Police—Trooper 794 L. E. Hodge.

## Promotions.

The Hon. C. S. P. has sanctioned the following promotions:—P. O. 629 Potter to the rank of inspector, and his inclusion in the Staff.

Musketry Sergt. 777 Fisher to the rank of Crown Sergeant.

## Athletic Sports.

The Athletic Sports Meeting arranged for January 1 has been postponed.

## Police Reserve Gazette.

The Editor will be glad to receive contributions for the January number. Same must reach him not later than December 30.

## LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

## MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. Homeward Mail Steamer MEDINA with the Hongkong Mails of the 2nd November last, arrived in London on Wednesday, the 20th instant.

## HOTEL LISTS.

## HONGKONG HOTEL.

Anderson G E	Hodge L E S
Atkins R L	Hox A
Barker W L L	Hanna A
Bain H Murray	Joseph E M
Baring J H	Knodner Dr A T
Branch Capt B	Knox C O
Belillos Mrs E E	Knox F H
Ball C D J	King Mrs H F
Biffing S T	Longfield S
Birbeck R J	Lancaster Miss D
Barter Mr & Mrs	Lancaster H de J
H A	Laird Mr & Mrs J J
Bailey R	Lopes Mr & Mrs J M
Bauckham E W	Makta B K
Boswick Mr & Mrs	Meredith J
Bissaker F D	Macdonald Major D
Belillos R E	McKean Dr G W
Belillos Mrs E E	Marriott Dr & Mrs
Blain Dr M	Maslin H E
Bossek T P J	Mellis G
Capplemann D E	Murray Miss J S
Conant H A R	Morris Mrs G A
Courtesy G L	McLay Mr and Mrs
Courtesy J D	R M
Croucher N	Murphy W G E
Champlin C	McInnes Mr & Mrs
Cheremonahine	MacKenzie Miss
Mrs E	Nicolson J S
Cory Miss	Newhouse E
Carvalho S S	Obaldia F O de
Dewar Capt J	Pilkington Capt A R
Douglas Mr & Mrs	Parker P W
W E	Pringle W J
Duffy Miss M E	Price Mr & Mrs E S
Davenport W B	Palmer Mr & Mrs S
Denby S F	Peiniger Mrs G
Davis Mr & Mrs F E	Parson J
Droard M	Ray E H
Eastman A	Ruthen Capt W
Ford W H	Reay Miss F A
Fairley V L	Rouse B
Faithful Mr & Mrs	Ritche D
Gray P J	Slade Mrs M
Gibb J	Sorby V
Goudburn V	Scott J H
Grundy R	Spiers F
Glaister Dr	Stashkova J W
Glenny Miss	Skott Mr & Mrs H
Hannibal Mr & Mrs	Steward Mr & Mrs
W A	A T
Hicks A	Simpson Capt H
Hodge W J	Toot A L
Hind W B	Thompson F G
Hooper A Shelton	Tsuruta M
Hollands H E	Wood G G
Hodgins Mrs A E	Willsher Mrs
Hall Capt T F	Willsher Miss
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Dexter W J	Mourer Mr & Mrs C
Fuller Denman	Mattlingley R F
Faichnie Lt Col	Numer Rev J C
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Peakes Comdr & Mrs	Ricon Mrs
C	Relater P B
Goudiot Miss C	Rea Miss E
Goudiot Mrs E	Skott C
Griffith Rev H G H	Smith Mr & Mrs A F
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Mrs	Smith Mr & Mrs I E
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Bannerman G	Lambden A
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Castello	Fammore Mrs W C
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Donaldson R A	Pegg H H
Fetterley	Richardson Mr &
Finlayson Mrs &	Mrs C E
Mrs D J	Sim J
Fritz C	Sleigh E M
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Hammes Mr & Mrs	Underwood Mr &
Jackson Wm	Mrs
James E	Wilkie J
James B	

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Dutton Mr & Mrs	Powell Comd & Mrs
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Filkins Miss D	Robertson Mr & Mrs J
Faulstich Dr C M	Rolls Capt F H
Herbert R G	Ross L
Hollands H E	Sachse Mrs G A
Hogewerf W E	Sachse Miss F
Kerr Mrs A	Shaw Mr & Mrs J A
Kennedy E R	Slark A M
Leing Mrs F C	Tyson Mr & Mrs F H
Luhns J H V G	Watkins H O
Negre R	Wilson Mrs Laby

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Ballantine B A	Polonsky A
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Green Miss E E	Stanbridge Miss S
Hunter Mr & Mrs	Thom W
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Hadgate Miss S H	S B
Lewis H	Talman Miss L G
Meek Thomas	Wilson Mr & Mrs
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Behbison Mrs A D	Lambert Mrs
Behbison Miss	Macdonald Jas
Connors Mrs	MacKay
Dunlop Mr & Mrs	McKerns
J B	Pallon Mr & Mrs O
Flack N	Prichard Mrs B W
Fortie M	Ramsay Mr & Mrs
Helfblom J	N
Lousius Capt & Mrs Rowe	I J

## GRAND HOTEL.

Arnott C H	Ryan E
Booth O	Raney Jas A
Bales M	Smith J
Burton S	Swingle J F
Crew A B	Thorne H F
Dyk P S an	Topole T
Gomez A J M	Von der Lee T
Lawrie W	Wright S H
Mayleiro J	Walters D W
McLaren	Yew Mr & Mrs J O
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London via Ports	Novara	P. & O.	29, Dec.
Liverpool via Ports	Euryalus	B. & S.	31, Dec.
Genoa	Mershire	J. M. C.	Dec.
London via Ports	Kashima M.	N. Y. K.	4, Jan.
London via Ports	Peles	B. & S.	5, Jan.
London via Ports	C. of Madras	E. L.	5, Jan.
London via Ports	Teucer	B. & S.	10, Jan.
London via Ports	Somali	P. & O.	17, Jan.
Liverpool via Ports	Tydeus	B. & S.	20, Jan.
London via Ports	Phemius	B. & S.	23, Jan.

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Seattle via Japan	Protesilaus	B. & S.	23, Dec.
Vancouver via Japan	E. of Russia	C. P. O. S.	23, Dec.
San Francisco via Japan	Equador	P. M. S. S.	30, Dec.
Victoria B.C. via Japan	Shidzuoka M.	N. Y. K.	3, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	Nippon M.	T. K. K.	4, Jan.
South American Ports	Kiyo M.	T. K. K.	9, Jan.
Vancouver via Japan	E. of Japan	C. P. O. S.	10, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	Arakan	J. C. J. L.	11, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	Shinyo M.	T. K. K.	17, Jan.
Victoria, B.C. & Seattle	Kamakura M.	N. Y. K.	23, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	Peris M.	T. K. K.	27, Jan.
Seattle via Japan	Ixion	B. & S.	27, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	China	C. M. S. S.	31, Jan.
Vancouver via Japan	Monteagle	C. P. O. S.	3, Feb.
New York via Panama	Toyooka M.	N. Y. K.	Early Feb.

## AUSTRALIA.

Australia via Manila	Eastern	G. L. Co.	25, Dec.
Australia via Manila	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	16, Jan.
Australia via Manila	St. Albans	G. L. Co.	27, Jan.
Australia via Manila	Aki M.	N. Y. K.	13, Feb.

## SINGAPORE, INDIA, COAST PORTS AND JAPAN.

Shanghai	Sinkiang	B. & S.	22, Dec.
Shanghai and Kobe	Bombay M.	N. Y. K.	22, Dec.
Shanghai and Japan	Kirin M.	N. Y. K.	22, Dec.
Kobe	Moyori M.	N. Y. K.	22, Dec.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haihong	D. L. Co.	22, Dec.
Shanghai and Japan	Tydeus	B. & S.	22, Dec.
Bombay via Ports	Yekorofu M.	N. Y. K.	22, Dec.
Saigon/Hongkong	Chihli	B. & S.	22, Dec.
Manila	Yuensang	J. M. Co.	22, Dec.
Shanghai and Japan	Japan	D. S. & Co.	22, Dec.
Calcutta via Ports	Shirala	D. S. & Co.	22, Dec.
Saigon/Hongkong	Kashing	B. & S.	22, Dec.
Hongay/Hongkong	Foochow	B. & S.	22, Dec.
Shanghai via Swatow	Wingsang	J. M. Co.	24, Dec.
Haiphong	Lokaang	J. M. Co.	24, Dec.
Swatow	Haitan	D. L. Co.	24, Dec.
Shanghai	Anhui	B. & S.	24, Dec.
Swatow	Haitan	D. L. Co.	24, Dec.
Belawan Deli (Sumatra) via S'tow	S Jacob	J.C.J. L.	26, Dec.
Shanghai	Luchow	B. & S.	26, Dec.
Shanghai	Sunning	B. & S.	26, Dec.
Hoihow and Haiphong	Kaifong	B. & S.	26, Dec.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Tean	B. & S.	27, Dec.
Java and Makassar	Tijlilap	J.C.J. L.	27, Dec.
Java	Tjimanok	J.C.J. L.	28, Dec.
Shanghai via Swatow	Kwongsang	J. M. Co.	28, Dec.
Shanghai and Japan	Phemius	B. & S.	28, Dec.
Kobe and Moji	Kumsang	J. M. Co.	28, Dec.
Shanghai	Shantung	B. & S.	28, Dec.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	D. L. & Co.	28, Dec.
Shanghai	Yusang	J. M. Co.	28, Dec.
Shanghai	Chyrsang	J. M. Co.	28, Dec.
Calcutta via Ports	Tosa M.	N. Y. K.	29, Dec.
Haiphong	Taksang	J. M. Co.	29, Dec.
Manila	Longsang	J. M. Co.	30, Dec.
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Somali	P. & O.	31, Dec.
Kobe	Tijlilap	J.C.J. L.	31, Dec.
Shanghai to Yokohama	Teenkai	B. & S.	3, Jan.
Shanghai	Tjitaroom	J.C.J. L.	3, Jan.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	4, Jan.
Sandakan	Hinsang	J. M. Co.	5, Jan.
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Nyansa	P. & O.	7, Jan.
Manila	Irian	B. & S.	11, Jan.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Aki M.	N. Y. K.	11, Jan.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Astuta M.	N. Y. K.	13, Jan.
Shanghai and Japan	Antiochus	B. & S.	16, Jan.
Shanghai	Telamon	B. & S.	21, Jan.

MOVEMENTS OF  
STEAMERS.

## AMERICAN MAIL.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Co.'s  
Steamer "ECUADOR" arrived Shanghai  
December 18, at 8 a.m., leaves December  
19, for Hongkong via Manila, and is ex-  
pected to arrive here December 23.  
The Pacific Mail Co.'s s.s. "COLOMBIA"  
will leave San Francisco for Hongkong  
on March 10, via Honolulu and Japan  
Ports.  
The s.s. "CHINA" arrived in San Fran-  
cisco on Tuesday, December 12, in  
accordance with schedule, and will sail  
from there on Friday, December 21.  
She is due to arrive in Hongkong on  
January 20, 1917.  
The Pacific Mail steamer "VENEZUELA"  
which left Hongkong December 13, left  
Yokohama for San Francisco via Honolulu  
at 5 p.m. December 21.

## CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.O.S. s.s. "EMPRESS OF ASIA"  
arrived Vancouver on Monday, the 19th  
Dec. at 7.00 p.m.  
The C.P.O.S. s.s. "EMPRESS OF  
RUSSIA" leaves Seattle on Dec. 22, at  
6 a.m., due to arrive Hongkong on Dec. 21,  
at 6 a.m.

## VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers:  
Waler, Br. s.s. 1399, Enghen, 4th Sept.—  
Yung Bay, 30th Aug. Gen.—R. L.  
Lohang, Br. s.s. 973, Nichol, 14th Dec.  
Hikow, 7th Dec. Gen.—J. M.  
& Co.  
Japan, Br. s.s. 1305, O'Sullivan, 1st Dec.  
Singapore, Gen.—D. M. & Co.  
Tjimonari, Br. s.s. 5012, Bouman, 1st  
Dec.—San Francisco, Gen.—J.C.J.L.

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Goods not cleared by the 27th  
instant at 5 p.m. will be subject  
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aged packages are to be left in  
the Godowns where they will be  
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J.C.J. L.	Tjimanok		Dec. 24	Shanghai
J.C.J. L.	Tjilatjap		Dec. 24	Kobe
P. & O.	Somali		Dec. 24	London
P. M. S. S.	Ecusador		Dec. 26	San Francisco
B. & S.	Phemius	6,599	Dec. 27	Liverpool
J.C.J. L.	Tjiliwong		Dec. 27	Java
P. & O.	Novara		Dec. 28	Kobe
J.C.J. L.	Tjitaroom		Dec. 28	Java
P. & O.	Nyansa		Dec. 31	Bombay
B. & S.	Teenkai	4,929	Jan. 2	Liverpool
B. & S.	Ixion	0,320	Jan. 5	Seattle
G. L. & Co.	St Albans		Jan. 6	Australia
P. & O.	Somali		Jan. 11	Kobe
P. & O.	Malta		Jan. 14	Bombay
B. & S.	Antilo hus	9,038	Jan. 15	Liverpool
B. & S.	Ixion	10,220	Jan. 19	Manila
B. & S.	Telamon	4,519	Jan. 20	Liverpool
P. M. S. S.	China		Jan. 20	San Francisco
B. & S.	Euryades	5,713	Jan. 23	Liverpool
P. & O.	Nyansa		Jan. 25	Kobe
P. & O.	Namur		Jan. 28	London
B. & S.	Talhybius		Jan. 31	Seattle
B. & S.	Hyson	6,607	Feb. 3	Liverpool

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## TIDE TABLE.

From 18th Dec. to 24th Dec., 1916.

Day.	High Water Mean Time.	Low Water Mean Time.
Mon. 18	11 40	5 10
Tues. 19	12 30	6 00
Wed. 20	1 20	6 50
Thurs. 21	2 10	7 40
Fri. 22	3 00	8 30
Sat. 23	3 50	9 20
Sun. 24	4 40	10 10

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No. 1 Dock, Kowloon .....	700'	{ 150' top bottom }	30'	7' 6"	.....
No. 2 Dock, Kowloon .....	274'	74'	12' 6"	7' 6"	.....
No. 3 Dock, Kowloon .....	240'	60' 11"	12'	7' 6"	.....
Private Slip, No. 4 Kowloon .....	220'	60'	12'	7' 6"	.....
<b>TALKORUMU</b>					
Compensation Dock .....	250'	85'	30'	6' 6"	.....
<b>ABERDEEN</b>					
Howe Dock .....	420'	84'	30'	7' 6"	.....
		84'	30'	7' 6"	.....



## ITALIAN CONVENT SCHOOL.

(Continued from page 4.)

Class 6.—Casimira Silva, 1st prize for general profit; Stella Rocha and Winnie Chan, 2nd prize for general profit; Pacifica Lara, distinction for conduct, rel. know. and needlework; Ellen To, for conduct, rel. know., and dictation; Basie Dauenberg, for reading, recitation and dictation; Agnes Gil, for religious know and dictation; Philippa Salazar, for rel. know and dictation; James Brava, for reading and geography; Laura Santos, for needlework; Guisane Incarnacio, for needlework.

Class 7.—Marcel Martin and Tony Braga, 1st prize for general profit; Molly Bryan, Frank Kwok and Annie Jenkins, 2nd prize for general profit; Amy Watt, for reading, composition and object less; Margaret Kent, for composition, grammar and object less; Leonor O'Brien and Joe Kentalto, for reading and recitation; Cissie Horley, for rel. know. and reading; Coraosa Mapa, for English and geography.

Class 8.—Elsie Watt and Sojra Nemaze, 1st prize for general profit; Daisy Lywe, 2nd prize for general profit; Marjorie Stuart, for reading, composition and object less; Dinis Montalto, dictation and geography; Queenie Julian, for rel. and comp; Hedviges Silva, for rel. know. and dictation; Etelvine Agaton, for rel. know. and geography; Wilfred Passmore, for bel. less. and obj. less; Maria Soriano, for recitation; Leonor Collaco, for Needlework.

Special Class 7.—Maida Chow and Nelly Chow, 1st prize for general profit; Carrie Chow 2nd prize for general profit.

Special Class 8.—Helen Wong, 1st prize for general profit; Lucy Chan, 2nd prize for general profit; Ivy Chan, for geography and writing.

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Class 9.—Hassan Nemaze, Angeles Campos and Eugenia Cabaco, 1st prize; Charlie da Rosa and Rosie Kwok, 2nd prize; Anita Kin and Laura Place, 3rd prize; Conceicao Olas and John Braga, 4th prize.

## HARBOUR ITEMS.

The s.s. Fauang, from Saigon with a cargo of rice, reports strong north-easterly winds and rough head seas.

The s.s. Lucho arrived from Shanghai this morning, bringing down the Siberian mails. She encountered strong monsoon and overcast and hazy weather.

The cargo shipped from Hongkong by the s.s. Nankin on the 16th inst. included 602 bales of waste silk, 590 packages of tea, 128 bales of raw silk, 200 cases of antimony, 100 slabs of tin and 1,000 bags of refined sugar, for London; 329 bales of raw silk for Lyons; 3,428 packages of tea, 500 cases of caesia lignea, 370 bales of raw silk, 1,000 bags of refined sugar, for Marseilles.

Class 10 1. Robert Watt and John Alvarez, 1st prize; Lourdes Campos and Dorothy Ray, 2nd prize; Alice da Rosa and Maria Gutierrez, 3rd prize; Herallie Barros and Mavis Paley, 4th prize; Bevar Nemaze and Emily Tam, 5th prize.

Class 10 1 A. Winnie Kew and Carmelita Remedios, 1st prize; Eusebia Oastilho and Vincente da Rosa, 2nd prize; Margaret Loke and Francisco Jorge, 3rd prize; Iris Guingam, 4th prize.

Class 10 2 B.—Mercedes da Rosa and Lily Tao, 1st prize; Rosie Tang and Violet Loke, 2nd prize; Maria Cruz and Christina Jorge, 3rd prize; Maria Lopez and Bettie Terret, 4th prize.

## Special Prizes.

Portuguese.—Bertha Carvalho; French.—Florinda Tavacho.

Musio.—Gloria Felices, Conchita Jison, Pacifica Lara, Felicitade Neves, Dorothy Morris, Purita Campos, Antonia Campos, Isabel del Campo, Teresa Young, Lily McGuire, Cissy Horley.

Painting.—Antonia Campos, Adela del Campo, Gloria Felices, Milly Silva, Ivy Low, Beatrice White.

Drawing.—Gloria Campos, Angelica Natividad. Typewriting.—Lottie Knight and Adela del Campo.

## WHERE EAST MEETS WEST.

Interesting Lecture by Capt. Pelliot.

A lecture, full of interest, was given at Government House, by permission of H.E. the Governor, last evening, under the auspices of the Odd Volume Society, by Capt. Pelliot, who is recognised as one of the leading authorities on the archaeology of Central Asia, and who was one of those to receive the Honorary Degree of L.D., at the Hongkong University last week. The subject of the lecture was Central Asia, the meeting place of "Western and Eastern Civilisation," and the subject was dealt with in a most enlightening manner.

There was a good attendance, and H.E. the Governor, in introducing the lecturer referred to his work in France and Gallipoli in connection with the war, saying that Capt. Pelliot first received his instruction in field artillery during the year when the famous 75's of the French were brought out. Captain Pelliot had spent three and a half years in Chinese Turkestan and was recognised the world over as a most distinguished authority on the archaeology of Central China.

Captain Pelliot who went straight to his subject, first pointed out on the map the position of Chinese Turkestan, how it was bounded on all sides but one with mountains very difficult of penetration, and on the other by a large desert. The ways of access were, therefore, by no means numerous, and it had been extremely difficult of exploration. It was a large tableland, the inhabitants of which were scattered among a number of oases. It was by means of the melted snow coming down the mountains that oases were supplied. The whole population was estimated at about 1,400,000, and was a Turkish-speaking one. They were a very peaceful people, for the creed of Islam had imbued them with

fatalism, but not fanaticism. The ideas about Chinese Turkestan about 20 years ago were very hazy, and the Russian pioneers were the first people to penetrate into the land, bringing back with them antiquities which were to be found there. The speaker went on to describe how the country had gradually been explored by Russian, German, French and English and how each party of research had discovered old manuscripts; how scientific investigation had unearthed old grottoes wherein these paralytics had lain, and he had taken part in the accidental discovery of the biggest find of manuscripts ever made there. That was in 1900. When war broke out, an expedition, organised by the Russian Accademia Association, was about to depart, under a very distinguished Oriental scholar, but he had had no news of it since. Speaking of the discoveries made, Capt. Pelliot said he thought all the important remains had been investigated with the exception of a most important place, from which most of the old culture was derived—that being Balkh, the old Turkestan capital. It was not now possible to investigate that old city because of the understanding with the Government of Afghanistan and the ferocity of the natives. Although they knew of important remains, it was impossible to make excavations there. They could only sum up the results of what had already been found.

It was thought at one time that a Turk speaking population had always lived there, but discoveries had shown that before the 10th century (Christian era) there was no Turkish-speaking population there. With great surprise it was found that before the 10th Century the whole of Chinese Turkestan, to the very limits of China proper, was speaking in European languages. The speaker went on to particularise on this, saying they had found traces of Russian and, to a certain extent, the Celtic languages. The country had enjoyed a civilization far ahead of what its present state would lead one to suppose, not in imitation of Indian or Western things, but in certain forms of art

and religion of its own. After dwelling on this point for some time, the speaker said it was clear that the East owed more to the West in the matter of culture than the West to the East. Illustrating this point, he pointed out how the Mongolians had driven certain tribes to the West, even to the outskirts of Hellenistic culture; how trade intercourse had assisted the passing of Western knowledge to the East; how, by way of India and Barmah, China had taken to her Western learning.

Speaking of art and religion, Captain Pelliot showed how Buddhism, beginning on the Ganges, had spread westward north, through China, into Persia and Chinese Turkestan. It still retained its grasp on the country. Early Jews and Christians had been to China, for among the manuscripts found in the grottoes they had found a Chinese translation of the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, which was at least as old as the 5th Century. But Christianity never made much ground there, and when, in the 16th Century, the Jesuits and Dominicans came to China, they had to start afresh. In the matter of art, too, Western influence had been felt. Before Greek art had been known in the East, there were no representations of Buddha, and it was through the influence of Greek art that the first statues were made. The statues of Apollo and Jupiter were very closely resembled in many Eastern statues. In music, too, there was the Greek influence, for the numbers used were entirely the same as the Greek scale, as they knew from Pythagoras. In astronomy as well, the Greek zodiac was to be found in old Chinese books. The East had received more from the West than it had given, and in the matter of religion, art and sciences China was more indebted to the West than was generally believed. The West had certainly received silk from China, but not the compass, as was known in the East before it was in the West; but the development in the West was not influenced by the knowledge of the East. They were indebted to China for paper; for that was a

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pure Chinese invention, only papyrus and parchment existing in the west before.

In conclusion, the speaker again alluded to Chinese Turkestan as the place where, it seemed, Eastern and Western civilisations met.

A number of interesting pictures were then screened, following which H.E. the Governor thanked Capt. Pelliot for his most interesting lecture. The Hon. Mr. H.E. Pollock, K.C., thanked His Excellency for presiding and for allowing the use of the Ball Room.

His Excellency briefly replied and thanked Mr. Noble, of the University, for operating the lanterns.

## CRICKET.

Civil Service v. Craigengower.

The following will represent the Civil Service Club on their ground at 2 p.m., on Saturday next:—F.W. Hamilton (Captain), R.E.O. Bird, J.W. Franks, F.J. Ling, R.O. Witchell, C.F. Mason, O. Sara, C.J. Tsochi, R. Beane, E. W. Dawson, P.T. Lambie, Umpire, W.H. Woolley; scorer, W. Fisher.

The following will play for Craigengower:—L.A. Rose, E.G. Southerton, R. Pestonji, R. Bass, S. Jex, D.K. Kharsa, J.D. Noria, J.F. Thompson, A.H. Ramjitha, V. Abbas, and F. Schuepal.

R.E. v. University. The following will represent the University in the above match on Saturday at 1.45 p.m. on the Hongkong Cricket Ground:—Ng Sze-kwong (Capt.), A. de Souza, R. Pestonji, Fane, G.E. Marley, K. Braysday, J.D. Wright, D.P. Dixon, W. Hall, W. Gittins, Ohw Yat Cheong and A. Ismail.

Craigengower C.C. v. University. The following will represent the University in the above match on Boxing Day at 2 p.m. on the former's ground:—A. H. Bumjiba (Capt.), O. A. M. Smith, J. D. Wright, A. de Souza, D. P. Dixon, W. Gittins, W. Hall, Ohw Yat-cheong E. Anderson, A. Ismail and Cheah Toon Look.

Craigengower will be represented by:—L. A. Rose, E. G. Southerton, R. Pestonji, R. Bass, S. Jex, D. K. Kharsa, J. D. Noria, J. F. Thompson, M. Abbas, F. Schuepal and A. N. Other.

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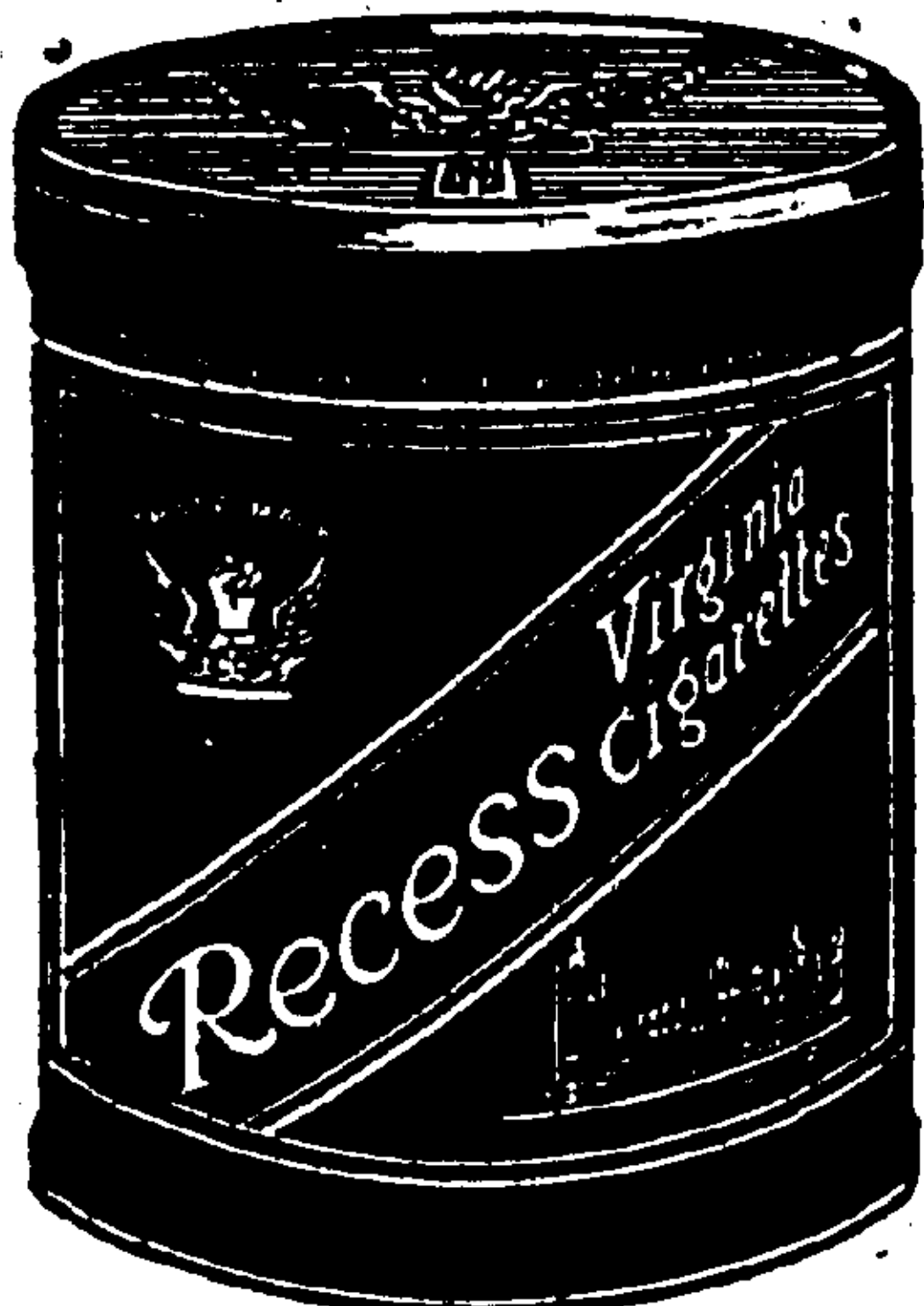




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11 Boiled York Ham 12 Roast Capon  
VEGETABLES  
13 Boiled Potatoes 14 Roast Potatoes  
15 French Beans 16 Petit Pois  
SWEETS  
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19 Stewed Pears and Cream 20 Apple Pies  
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JOINTS  
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POULTRY  
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There will be delivery of Registered Correspondence on 25 a.m. on the 25th December and 1st January.  
The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

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The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

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## MAILS DUE.

Shanghai (London 20th Nov. via Siberia) — Per NIPPON M., 23rd Dec.  
Canada — Per EMERALD OF RUSSIA, 24th Dec.

REGISTERED AND PARCEL MAILS close 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated.

## MAILS CLOSE TO-DAY.

Shanghai & N. China, Japan via Kobe — Per ARMAND BEHIG, 22nd Dec., Registration 4.15 p.m., Letters 5 p.m.

## TO-MORROW.

Saigon — Per KASHING, 23rd Dec., 11 a.m.  
Philippine Isl. — Per YUENSANG, 23rd Dec., 2 p.m.  
Shanghai & N. China — Per ANHUI, 23rd Dec., 5 p.m.  
Batavia, Samarang, Sourabaya, & Port Moraby (via Batavia) — Per BANRI MARU, 23rd Dec., 5 p.m.  
Haiphong — Per LOKSANG, 23rd Dec., 5 p.m.  
Swatow, Shanghai & N. China — Per WING ANG, 23rd Dec., 5 p.m.

## SUNDAY, 24th December.

Swatow — Per HAITAN, 24th Dec., 9 a.m.  
Chinwangtao — Per JINJU M., 24th Dec., 9 a.m.

## MONDAY, 25th December.

Hongay — Per POOCHOW, 25th Dec., 9 a.m.  
Swatow & Bangkok — Per HUPEH, 25th Dec., 9 a.m.  
Hongay — Per SHANGSI, 25th Dec., 9 a.m.

## TUESDAY, 26th December.

Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand & New Guinea via Thursday Isl. — Per EASTERN, 26th Dec., 9 a.m.  
Hoihow & Haiphong — Per KAIFONG, 26th Dec., 9 a.m.  
Shanghai & N. China — Per SUNNING, 26th Dec., 9 a.m.

## WEDNESDAY, 27th December.

Swatow, Amoy & Formosa via Keelung — Per AMAKUSA M., 27th Dec., 9 a.m.  
Macassar, Sourabaya, Semarang & Batavia — Per TULATAP, 27th Dec., 10 a.m.  
Swatow — Per LUOHOW, 27th Dec., 11 a.m.  
Philippine Isl. — Per TEAN, 27th Dec., 3 p.m.

## THURSDAY, 28th December.

Straits, Ceylon, Delagoa Bay, Durban, Johannesburg, Cape Town & United Kingdom — Per KAMO MARU, 28th Dec., Registration 9.15 a.m., Letters 10 a.m.  
Batavia, Samarang, Sourabaya & Port Moraby — Per BATARIA — Per TJIMAYOEK, 28th Dec., 10 a.m.  
Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Nagasaki, Victoria, Vancouver, United States, Central & South America & United Kingdom via Canada (Europe via Siberia) — Per EMERALD OF RUSSIA, 28th Dec., Registration 9.45 a.m., Letters 10.30 a.m.  
Shanghai Ch. P.O. Saturday, 30th Dec., Swatow, Amoy & Fookchow — Per HAT TAN, 28th Dec., 11 a.m.  
Shanghai & N. China, Japan via Moji, Victoria & Tacoma — Per MEXICO M., 28th Dec., 1 p.m.

## SHIPPING NEWS.

## ARRIVED.

Chingchow, Br. ss. 1191, Doyle, 21st Dec. — Port Parade, 19th Dec., Lins stone — S. T. & Co.  
Armand Behig, Fr. ss. Lauriel, 22nd Dec. — Haiphong, Gen. — M. M. Co.  
Banri M., Jap. ss. 2368, Morita, 22nd Dec. — M. J. 16th Dec., Gen. — D. & Co.  
Fauzan, Br. ss. 1410, Maitin, 22nd Dec. — Saigon, 15th Dec., Rice — J. M. & Co.  
Haitan, Br. ss. 1183, Hogins, 22nd Dec. — Swatow, 21st Dec., Gen. — D. L. & Co.  
Luchow, Br. ss. 1217, Wolf, 22nd Dec. — Shanghai, 19th Dec., Gen. — S. & S.  
Phuempoh, Br. ss. 1065, Major, 22nd Dec. — Saigon, Rice — Chinese.  
Tyden, Br. ss. 4796, Wallace, 22nd Dec. — Singapore, 16th Dec., Gen. — B. & S.  
Teah, Br. ss. 1640, Finlayson, 22nd Dec. — Manila, 19th Dec., Gen. — B. & S.  
Uruman, M. Jap. ss. 1950, Ogawa, 21st Dec. — Moji, 15th Dec., Coal — M. B. G. K.  
Yeterofu M., Jap. ss. 2398, Hirata, 22nd Dec. — M. J. 16th Dec., Gen. — N.Y.K.

## DEPARTED.

Dec. 20.

S. hu M. for Takao via Swatow  
Fu.ura M. for Wakamatsu  
Keiping for Penang  
Dec. 21.  
Hongkong for Haiphong via Hoihow  
Haidier for Fookchow via Swatow  
Yei M. for Chinwangtao  
Kutang for Calcutta via Singapore  
Saigon M. for Kobe  
Chenan for Shanghai

## CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Dec. 21.

Albiana for Calcutta via Shanghai  
Hakushin M. for Bangkok  
Dagfin for Haiphong

Dec. 22.

Sinliang for Shanghai  
Chili for Saigon  
Cheongshing for Hoihow  
Anping for Shanghai via Ningpo  
Fukuhaku M. No. 8 for Singapore  
Fukuhaku M. No. 10 for Singapore  
Hakata M. No. 3 for Singapore  
Hakata M. No. 7 for Singapore  
Sekiyo M. for Singapore  
Hakata M. No. 8 for Singapore  
Heinshang for Bangkok  
Hoihow for Fookchow via Swatow  
Chingchow for Pt. Parade  
Armand Behig for Yokohama via S'hai  
Yeterofu M. for Bombay via Singapore  
Yasung for Canton

Shanghai & N. China, (Europe via Siberia) — Per SHANTUNG, 28th Dec., Registration 2.15 p.m., Letters 3 p.m.  
[Shanghai Ch. P.O. Monday, 1st Jan.]

## FRIDAY, 29th December.

Swatow, Burmah, Ceylon, Australia, New Zealand, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt & Europe. (The parcel mail will be closed on Thursday, 28th Dec. at 5 p.m.) — Per NOVARA, 29th Dec., Registration 10.15 a.m., Letters 11 a.m.

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On the 22nd at noon:—No returns from Japanese stations.  
With few exceptions, pressure has decreased slightly at all stations reporting. The anticyclone remains stationary but has weakened in intensity.

Fresh to strong monsoon will prevail over the east coast of China and the north part of the China Sea.  
Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 79.81 inches, against an average of 82.34 inches.

## FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District	Forecast
1 Hongkong to Gap Rock	E. winds, moderate to fresh; cloudy.
2 Formosa Channel	N.E. winds, strong.
3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamook	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan	The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.  
December 22, a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Winds.	Direction.	Force.	Weather.
Vostok	6a							
Nemuro	5a							
Harbodate								
Tokio								
Kochi								
Nagasaki								
Kapima								
Oshima								
Kaba								
Ishi-Yama								
Bonin Is.								
Chafso	6a							
Whaiwei		30.31	32	90	e		3	rf
Hankow								
Iohang								
Kiukiang								
Shanghai		30.24	38	97	ne		1	b
Gulfad		30.10	43	71	ene		2	b
Sharp P.		30.06	58	76	w		1	b
Amoy	5a	30.11	58	94	ne		2	b
Swatow	6a							
Taihuu	5a	30.07	59	87	e		2	o
Taihuu		30.04	59	n			2	o
Taiwan		29.97	61	n			4	r
P'lores		29.84	66	ene			6	r
Sharp P.		30.02	63	ene			7	o
Canton	6a	30.06	61	77	n		1	o
H'kong		30.04	62	88	e		3	o
Gap Book		30.03		79	ene		5	o
Macao		30.01	61	79	nsw		1	r
Weehoo	5a							
Palkot								
Hothow								
Penlan	7a	30.05	61	87	ene		2	of
Tourans		29.92	66	nsw			7	r
C. St. J.		29.75	73		ene		6	o
Alpari	6	29.86	73	91	ene		4	rf
Dagupan		29.76	73	91	se		2	o
Manila		29.79	75	91	n		1	o
Legaspi		29.74	79	90	ne		2	o
Manila		29.74	77	93	nw		1	o
Manila		29.74	75	91	ne		2	o
Surigao		29.74	73	96			0	o
La Paz		29.74	77	91	nw		4	rf